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FIRE ATTACK AT AMAZON CENTRE

BY CARL JACKSON

FIRE service bosses have described a large fire started deliberately at Amazon in Rugeley as 'concerning'.

The blaze started at 12.15pm on Saturday, and dozens of firefighters were involved in bringing it under control.

Four crews were initially dispatched to the scene, followed by a fifth crew acting as relief.

Staffordshire Police say they are investigating the incident, which comes almost 12 months after a similar arson attack there last year.

Fire investigation officer Carl Mason said: "This was quite a large-scale incident which took several hours to deal with due to the type of materials inside the building and the level of smoke logging which took significant time to ventilate. The blaze has left the building seriously damaged but fortunately everyone inside was safely evacuated and no-one was injured during the incident.

"Thankfully the building did have a sprinkler system fitted which has prevented the fire from spreading and becoming far more serious.

"It is very concerning that this fire seems to have been deliberate as large-scale incidents such as this take up a lot of time and resources.

Damaged

"We will continue to work closely with Staffordshire Police on their ongoing investigation."

Workers had to leave the 700 sq ft fulfilment centre in Power Station Road as flames ripped through two floors of the building and a large number of goods were severely damaged.

Ten firefighters were sent in using breathing gear and tackled the flames for around 90 minutes. The blaze started on the third floor and spread to the fourth floor.

Fire investigation crews were on site until 11pm and determined that the flames were started deliberately, prompting a full forensic police investigation.

Amazon declined to say how the incident has affected its Christmas preparations.

The firm employs around 1,800 people at its Rugeley base and had recently announced a huge recruitment drive for an extra 2,500 seasonal posts.

An Amazon spokesman confirmed that the fire took place and added that staff were back at work on Monday.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "A police investigation is under way after colleagues from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service determined the cause of a fire at a warehouse in Rugeley may have been caused deliberately."

CRAFT COLLECTION IN CRACKER OF A CHRISTMAS FAIR

Emma Kirkham, of Hednesford, displays some of the items that will be for sale at the Christmas craft fair

TRADERS are gearing up for a cracking Christmas craft fair this weekend.

The event, at the Roman Way Hotel in Cannock on Saturday will showcase the best handmade bespoke items made by local crafts people.

It is being put on by Chase Handmade and will feature many unique gift items including glass jewellery from Emma Kirkham Glass in Hednesford.

Other items to look out for will be wooden creations by Michael Taylor, hand-crafted pens by Cliff Buckley, and pottery by Gillie Nicholls as well as cupcakes, jams, chocolates, soaps, floral displays, and candles.

There will also be paper-cutting workshops run by Cal Summers, and for children, there will be face-painting as well as a chance to have their photograph taken with Disney characters Elsa and Cinderella.

A charity raffle will be held for the Buddy Bag Foundation, which provides bags for children entering emergency accommodation.

The event takes place from 10am to 4pm.

POLICE

Cannabis and £20k cash found at house

A LARGE haul of cannabis along with £20,000 in cash was discovered during an early morning drugs raid in Cannock.

Police who swooped on the address of a suspected dealer in Princess Street discovered and seized cannabis worth between £10,000 and £15,000.

A 27-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were arrested on possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply and were released pending further police inquiries.

Cannock police tweeted images following the raid on Friday, showing a table full of cannabis as well as bags of cash.

FUNDRAISER

Family-friendly stroll on Chase

THE Staffordshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has organised a family-friendly stroll on Cannock Chase for this Sunday.

Walkers should meet at 1.45pm outside the visitor centre at Marquis Drive. The 1.5-mile walk will start at 2pm.

The registration fee is £5 for adults and £3 for children under 16. Proceeds will help support the CPRE. Bookings can be made at http://bit.ly/2iBiUwz

CRIME

Cash box stolen in Morrisons robbery

A CASH box was snatched from a security guard outside Morrisons in Milestone Way, Burntwood.

A man attacked the G4S worker outside the supermarket at 10am on Monday.

The guard was not injured. The man fled the scene in a white Ford CMAX which contained at least one other person and was found abandoned in Juniper Close.

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Cabinet role 'came out of the blue'

Mr Williamson

GAVIN Williamson says he has a 'massive challenge' on his hands as he spoke of his honour at being named the Government's new Defence Secretary.

The South Staffordshire MP has been handed the top Cabinet position at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) by Theresa May, replacing Michael Fallon, who resigned following allegations of sexual harassment.

He told the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star that his appointment came 'completely out of the blue' and admitted he was expecting a 'baptism of fire'.

"I was absolutely flabbergasted when the Prime Minister brought me in and asked me to be the Secretary of State for Defence," Mr Williamson said.

"Few people can have such a greater honour than to be responsible for overseeing the Armed Services of this great country and helping to formulate policy in terms of how we move forward.

"Walking through the doors of the MoD, I immediately felt a real sense of responsibility on my shoulders.

"I am under no illusions that this is a massive challenge and a huge responsibility. It is one that I hope I will be able to meet."

A small number of Tory MPs including Sarah Wollaston criticised the appointment. But he has received backing from MPs in the West Midlands, while former military officers have also rallied behind him.

Aldridge-Brownhills MP Wendy Morton said: "He is in a good position to take over at the Ministry of Defence, and I look forward to seeing him get on with the job."

Dudley South MP Mike Wood said: "It is fantastic news for the region, and it is a really good appointment for the MoD."

The appointment continued the meteoric rise of Mr Williamson, who was elected to Parliament in 2010 and has served as Government Chief Whip since Mrs May took office in September 2016.

At-risk deer hoof it to London to rein in HS2

THE owner of a Staffordshire family attraction who has warned that HS2 could result in more than 200 reindeer being put down is taking his protest to Parliament.

And he is taking reindeer Alfie and George along with him!

Stephen Swinnerton, of Blithbury Reindeer Lodge in Rugeley, says the pair will be at Parliament Square in the first week of December.

He says the high speed rail line would take up five acres of the farm and result in it closing down.

Mr Swinnerton is to appear before a Select Committee to provide evidence on the impact of HS2.

He said: "I have been running this farm for a long time, spending my time building the reindeer herd for the enjoyment of people near and far. We have the largest reindeer herd outside Scandinavia. The HS2 will take land from the farm which would make it impossible for us to stay here, and re-locating is not an option."

Government documents detailing the impact of the line states two and a half acres would be required.The farmland is needed for a turning head for the line, highway drainage and a new access road to a nearby cottage.

A petition launched by Mr Swinnerton calling for a change in plans for the line has 628 signatures.

An HS2 spokesman said: "HS2 will rebalance the economy by connecting eight out of our 10 biggest cities, increase rail capacity on the current system and reduce journey times, while also creating thousands of jobs.

"We recognise that people will be concerned about the impacts of construction, and we continue to engage with people and businesses to look at the how we minimise impacts. We have met with representatives from Blithbury Reindeer Lodge."

Blithbury Reindeer Lodge owner Stephen Swinnerton and residents Alfie and George prepare for their trip

Taxi driver loses appeal over licence

A TAXI driver has lost his battle to have his licence renewed.

Newcastle under Lyme Magistrates Court has found in favour of Lichfield District Council over its decision not to renew Mohammed Chowdhury's taxi driver's licence.

Mr Chowdhury, aged 48, from Birmingham had first appealed to the council's licensing committee after officers rejected his renewal application. The committee heard that the decision not to renew the licence – first approved in 2016 – followed a number of complaints.

Despite receiving a warning about professional conduct, complaints continued and so the council carried out 'mystery shopper' tests. The test passengers were overcharged, not given receipts and on one occasion the meter was not on. Mr Chowdhury was also abusive to a woman making a journey on her own at night.

The council's committee upheld the officers' decision, which Mr Chowdhury then appealed. The court in turn upheld the decision, and ordered Mr Chowdhury to pay Lichfield District Council's costs of £5,000.

Geoff wins award for quality of site homes

GEOFF Hale of Firstpost Homes Ltd won a regional title in the third round of the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards.

He was honoured for his 'dedication to building homes of exceptional quality' at his site in Mulberry Drive, Burntwood.

Now in its 37th year, Pride in the Job, is organised by the National House Building Council.

Geoff Hale

Judging for the awards began in July 2016 with each site manager assessed across 44 areas of site management, including technical knowledge, consistency in the build process and the quality controls in place.

Geoff was selected from more than 16,000 UK site managers, and was one of two to be recognised at a ceremony in Birmingham.

He will now compete for a Supreme Award to be announced at a ceremony in January. Commenting on the awards, Paul Edwards, NHBC regional director, said: "Every year, the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards give us the chance to recognise the dedication of the UK's top site managers and their commitment to new home quality."

Detailed plans for housing unveiled

PROPOSALS for a new housing estate in Burntwood, near to where numerous unexploded bombs have been found, have moved a step closer.

Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes have submitted detailed plans to build 150 homes at Milestone Way.

It comes after Lichfield District Council granted permission in principle.

The properties will consist of 40 four-bedroom homes, 64 three-bed, 33 two-bed, a one-bed house and nine two-bedroom apartments.

The site is near to the developers' existing scheme for 351 homes.

Building work has been blighted in the last two years following the discovery of various unexploded devices including mortars. The most recent was found in September.

Talk on landscape

THE Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust have an illustrated talk on The Living Landscape on Wednesday, November 15, at the town's St Lukes Church Centre at 7.30pm. Admission is £2 including refreshments. Parking is free and all are welcome.

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Alert issued over bogus 'official' in garden con

POLICE have urged residents to watch out for bogus officials after a 'large amount of cash and jewellery' was stolen in Heath Hayes.

An elderly resident was targeted by a conman claiming to be at his home in Hednesford Road to carry out garden maintenance.

Lydia Hooley, community engagement officer, said: "The incident took place around 7:30pm on Thursday when a man entered the property involuntarily, claiming to be doing some maintenance in the garden.

"The elderly resident discovered the man in her property, when he then tried to distract her into the garden. Luckily the resident became suspicious and asked the man to leave.

"The resident later discovered a large amount of cash and jewellery missing. We are urging residents to be on their guard following this bogus official incident. We take this type of crime very seriously and are working hard to catch these criminals."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 745 of November 2.

● Staffordshire Police have warned elderly residents to be on their guard after reports of a cold-calling scam.

The force has received reports of fraudsters making calls to residents and stating that they owe large sums of money.

Blaze fears raised in the Commons

CONCERNS about the close proximity of a Cannock waste site to a new housing development have been raised in Parliament.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling voiced her fears about the location of properties at Lakeside Boulevard in relation to Augean Integrated Services and called for a halt to residents moving in. Augean has raised concerns about the development because of the storage of dangerous chemical which pose a serious fire risk if they are exposed to a naked flame.

Ms Milling said: "I have visited Augean's operations in Cannock – they are a responsible business, their site is well managed and they rightly take the safety of their staff and the wider public very seriously."

Santa to visit fair

A CHRISTMAS fair will be held at St Thomas' Church, in Huntingon, on Saturday, November 18 from 11am to 3pm. Father Christmas will be dropping in, and there will be hot and cold refreshments, and various stalls.

Fabricant falls out on First Dates

Michael Fabricant with Jan

HIS thatch of blond hair ensures he is one of the most recognisable faces in the Commons.

And Michael Fabricant came to the attention of millions of TV viewers when he featured in a celebrity special show. The Lichfield MP appeared on Celebrity First Dates in aid of Stand up to Cancer on Channel 4.

The 67-year-old, a Conservative MP since 1992, admitted to being 'nervous' as he strolled into the First Dates restaurant. However, restaurant owner Fred Sirieix greeted him by saying: "You don't look nervous – you look like a movie star." Mr Fabricant's date proved to be 61-year-old fantasy novelist Jan.

The date started off well for the pair, who ordered a pina colada, served in a pineapple, which they shared. However, Jan did not take too kindly to flamboyant Mr Fabricant's joke that they were 'sharing each other's saliva' – responding: "That's not a cool thing to say."

Mr Fabricant's luxurious hairdo provided perhaps an unsurprising topic of conversation, with his date saying he was 'wearing Boris Johnson's hair'. That did not sit too well with the MP, who replied: "No, Boris Johnson wears my hair – I lend it to him." And there was a tetchy moment between the pair when Jan described the MP's hair as a wig. Mr Fabricant took offence to her statement, which he described as 'rude' and said: "It's me – my hair is me. And if you like it, great, if you don't hard luck."

After their brief fallout, the pair made up and ended the show on a positive note, saying they are more likely to remain as friends rather than head down a romantic route.

Motorists face parking charges at beauty spots

CAR parking charges could be introduced at popular country parks.

Staffordshire County Council bosses will meet next week to discuss plans for the future of its countryside estates.

There is a possibility of introducing charges at sites such as Chasewater as well as increasing the cost of hosting events at all country parks in the county.

A report ahead of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee meeting on Tuesday also confirms that Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council is in the process of taking over the maintenance and management of the Wimblebury Mound picnic area, while the RSPB is preparing to do the same at Consall Nature Park.

The authority is looking to reduce its countryside estates budget by £600,000 by March 2021 and believes that working with the public and private sector to manage the estate, which will remain in council ownership, is the best way to reduce costs while maintaining the sites for public use.

Ownership

A report into the latest developments concerning the Staffordshire County Council countryside estate management scheme states: "A car parking strategy for all appropriate countryside sites will be developed and implemented to ensure that income generating opportunities are maximised – for example, introducing car parking charges on the larger sites and increasing the current event charges across all the country parks."

Councillor Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for communities, said: "We are retaining ownership of all the country parks, greenways, picnic areas or other green spaces included in this review.

"This review is entirely about how we best manage such a diverse estate in an affordable manner for everyone's benefit.

"We've had some positive conversations with different groups, exchanged ideas about what might work, and the suggestion now is that we carry on with more detailed discussions to find the right long-term answers."

Lichfield Cathedral chorister Thomas Adams, who is a world karate champion *Picture by Tim Thursfield*

Chorister a secret karate champ

HE spends hours bouncing sweet-sounding high notes off the towering stone walls of Lichfield Cathedral.

But as he dons his full-length robes, chorister Thomas Adams holds a burning desire to show off the most polished of karate moves. A secret to many, the 10-year-old not only holds a shining spot with the choir but is also a world kickboxing and karate champion.

Thomas was triumphant at the World Kickboxing and Karate Union's global contest in Ireland, thrashing competitors years older than him. The schoolboy, who delved into kickboxing and karate aged six, said: "I really like it. I just like the fighting and all the stuff I have to do. I have always loved singing as well."

His mother Harriet Adams, whose 16-year-old son James is an under-18s national champion in karate, said: "We are just really proud of Thomas."

NEWS IN BRIEF

£300k cannabis seized in raids

CANNABIS with a street value of £300,000 was seized in police raids on two properties in four days.

Staffordshire Police found 200 plants and a large amount of ready dried cannabis with a total street value of £150,000 when they executed a warrant at Littlewood Lane, Cheslyn Hay, on October 28.

Then police received a call from Western Power workers who were refused entry to a house in Ebstree Road, Seisdon, and became suspicious.

Officers forced their way into the property, where more than 300 plants with a street value of £150,000 were found alongside growing equipment.

Garrick tribute to composer Vivaldi

CLASSICAL touring ensemble The Locrian present a musical tribute to Venetian composer Antonio Vivaldi at the Lichfield Garrick next week.

Attired in lavish period costume, performing in front of a stunning classical set, these charismatic musicians perform Vivaldi's Four Seasons among other works.

Vivaldi by Candlelight will be at the Lichfield Garrick on Friday, November 17 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £22.50. For more information visit www.lichfieldgarrick.com or call the box office on 01543 412121.

Drug-driver held outside court

A MAN who was dropping a passenger off outside court to face a shoplifting charge was arrested for drug-driving.

Police arrested the driver, who was in a Nissan Almera, after it had stopped outside Cannock Magistrates Court. The motorist, who tested positive for drug-driving, was also arrested for driving without insurance.

Both he and the passenger were taken into custody for questioning after the incident.

Staffordshire Police said the arrest took place nearby in Avon Road last Wednesday, at 10.30am.

Church will play host to pamper evening

A LADIES Pamper Evening will be held at St Peter's Church in Hednesford on Thursday, November 16, from 7pm to 9pm.

Retail stalls will be selling various goods, from handbags, gifts, and jewellery to a 'mini treatment'.

Tickets are £5 per person, including a glass of wine, available from Daisy Chain in Hednesford or by calling 01543 422653 or emailing vwooll@hotmail.co.uk

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COUNTY NEWS

Ex-TV favourite Kay starts appeal

A FORMER television presenter has launched a Christmas appeal for a Black Country-based charity.

Ex-BBC Midlands Today presenter Kay Alexander has kicked off Acorns Children's Hospice Christmas appeal.

It aims to raise £70,000 towards the nearly £10 million the charity needs to raise each year to continue providing its vital services across the region. Kay, who recently became Acorns President, said: "Acorns is an extraordinary charity and one which is very close to my heart."

Kay launched the charity's very first fundraising appeal more than 30 years ago.

Commons date for businesses

THE message that Black Country-made products are sold across the world has been delivered at the Houses of Parliament.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership teamed up with Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin to stage a Black Country exhibition to showcase a wide range of goods manufactured by nearly 30 companies from across the area. The LEP demonstrated HVM City: The Opportunity Gateway, a new online portal, allows high value manufacturing companies to register tender opportunities as well as businesses and individuals to access tender opportunities.

Microbrewery set to bring jobs

A MICROBREWERY is opening in Wolverhampton bringing four new jobs, after council bosses approved the plans. The brewery is to open along Tremont Street, off the Wednesfield Road, just outside of the city centre.

The current Soho Cash & Carry will be converted into the brewery as part of the plans. The brewery will employ three full-time staff and one part-time member of staff. It will be open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

A few tickets left for Motty at the Banks's

JUST a few tickets remain to see legendary Football commentator John Motson give a talk later this month.

Motty, as he is fondly known, is hanging up the microphone at the end of this season after 50 years. The 72-year-old, who is famous for his full-length sheepskin coats, will be the subject of an 'Evening With' show at the Banks's Stadium on November 16.

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Now family put Harts into homeless bid

A KIND-HEARTED family who stepped up to help a Staffordshire food bank during its time of crisis are now hoping to help the homeless.

Jay and Hayley Hart, who raised £250 in two days to deliver much-needed supplies to Hednesford's Pye Green Christian Centre food bank, are now collecting supplies for Birmingham Christmas Shelter.

Hayley, of Mount Street, Hednesford, said: "With homelessness on the rise in the UK, and the Midlands being one of the most affected areas, it is time we took a stand. I am running a drive to provide much needed support to the shelter who open over the Christmas week to provide shelter, meals and vital items such as clothing to those who have nowhere else to go.

"Christmas is a beautiful time of year, it is filled with decorated trees, lights, presents, hot cocoa and parties with friends and families.

"However, for some, Christmas is a time of loneliness, a time of bitter cold winds and icy rainfalls. It is a time that some dread because of the harsh conditions they have to survive."

The 12 Days of Christmas Shelter Drive invites people to collect a different item over 12 days from December 1 which will be delivered to the shelter. Items range from socks and hats to toothpaste and stamps.

The Harts stepped in to help Hednesford's Pye Green Christian Centre when they read of their supplies crisis in The Chronicle. The family decided to donate £100 but soon found other people were keen to donate.

To take part in the 12 Days of Christmas, run an event or donate, email hart.hayleyt@gmail.com

Give vital gift of help for struggling families

FROM single mothers knowing there is nothing in the cupboard for tea to workers who suddenly find themselves out of a job – food banks are a vital lifeline.

Many have seen the number of people turning to them for help continue to rise with unemployment, changes to benefits and low wages all playing a part.

And, at this time of year, many are also faced with the heart-breaking choice of either putting food on the table or heating their home.

We have teamed up with sister daily the Express & Star to launch the Feed A Family This Christmas appeal to support the food banks.

The appeal was a huge success last year collecting 9,000 items for food banks, the homeless and children at The Haven refuge. From now until December 16, we are collecting contributions of non-perishable food and toiletries as well as socks and hats.

The good causes we are supporting are The Well (Home of Wolverhampton Food Bank), the Good Shepherd Ministry, based in Wolverhampton, the Black Country Food Bank, which has centres across Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, Smethwick Food Bank, Walsall North Food Bank and Cannock and District Food Bank.

The appeal will also be supporting The Haven which supports women and children who are affected by domestic violence and homelessness. Former Emmerdale star Lisa Riley, who will be appearing in Jack and The Beanstalk at Wolverhampton Grand, is backing the campaign.

She said: "I think this is fantastic. There are so many people who need a lot. We can come together as a community and do that extra bit for people even if it's tin of beans."

All of the organisations that will benefit from Feed A Family This Christmas are helping people in need every day. The Black Country Food Bank saw a 12 per cent increase in demand between August 2016 and this August.

"The roll out of Universal Credit has had an impact. People are waiting up to six weeks for their benefits and they are already in debt by the time they get that first payment," a spokeswoman said. "We've seen an increase in homelessness too."

The Well in Wolverhampton continues to provide food and toiletries to more than 7,500 people a year.

Cannock and District Food Bank has also seen an increase, helping 3,634 people in 2016-17 – up from 2,676 in 2015-16. Walsall North Food Bank, which is based at Pelsall Methodist Church, helped more than 450 extra people in 2016-17.

Group head of weekly titles Diane Davies said: "We were overwhelmed by the amazing response we received from our communities last year. This year we have seen increasing demand on food banks.

"Please help us to make a difference to people in need."

Drop-off points: Express & Star Wolverhampton, 51-53 Queen Street, WV1 1ES; E&S Cannock/Walsall office, Queen Square, Cannock WS11 1EA; E&S Oldbury, Black Country House, Rounds Green Road, Oldbury, B69 2DG; Waitrose Wolverhampton, Penn Road, WV2 4NJ; Midcounties Co-operative Food Store Codsall, 28-32 Wood Lane/Bakers Way, WV8 1DB. Donations dropped off here will go to The Well.

Further donation points may be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Loading up the vans – food being transported to where it is needed

Lisa Riley, who will be appearing in Jack and The Beanstalk at Wolverhampton Grand, is backing the campaign

Online date fraudsters targeting over 60s

OVER 60s using online dating sites are being targeted by fraudsters looking to steal their identity or money, Staffordshire Police have warned.

The force is looking to increase awareness about the dangers for people aged 60 to 79 using the internet.

It wants to help them spot the signs of scams, including 'romance fraud' which is now more prominent.

Supt Amanda Davies, director of intelligence at Staffordshire Police, said: "People of any age should be able to enjoy the internet, and all that it offers, without being targeted by criminals.

"Unfortunately, this is just not the case, and so we want to educate those most likely to become victims on how they can avoid it. I hear too often of victims being misled and losing money after placing their trust in someone they have met online.

"It is wrong to prey on the vulnerable, so we work closely with neighbouring police forces and partners like Action Fraud to stop those trying to defraud innocent members of the public. Simultaneously we focus heavily on distributing crime prevention advice to prevent people falling prey to this in future.

"If you are not sure about something you receive or it doesn't look legitimate, or if you are talking to a stranger online and they start asking too many probing questions, trust your instinct and report it. Either contact the owning website directly or contact Action Fraud if you think someone is trying to defraud you."

The force will be running a Facebook campaign next week targeting those most likely to fall victim.

Date set for city lights switch-on

THE festive season in Lichfield gets under way on Sunday, November 26 with a special market from 11am, events at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum and children's rides.

There will also be live music and entertainment on the Switch-on stage in Market Square from 2pm, and a special performance from the cast of the Garrick Theatre's Aladdin at 4.45pm just before the big lights switch-on.

The mayor, helped by two local schoolchildren, will throw the switch at 5pm. The lights are provided by Lichfield City Council with support from the Lichfield Chamber of Trade and local businesses.

The lights will be on throughout December from 4pm. Aladdin will be performed at the Garrick from November 30 to January 6.

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NHS trust in scandal officially dissolved

THE trust at the centre of the Stafford Hospital scandal has been formally dissolved after three years as a 'shell' organisation.

Stafford Hospital, which has been renamed County Hospital and is run by a different trust, was at the centre of a national NHS scandal in the late 2000s.

Services previously managed by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust (MSFT) were transferred to the management of University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT).

NHS Improvement spokesperson Nicholas Burke said: "The services, staff and assets of Mid Staffordshire Foundation Trust were transferred out of the organisation on November 1, 2014.

"After this, the trust was kept on in a very limited form as a 'shell organisation'.

"A shell organisation means that there is still a legal entity for outstanding criminal action to be brought against.

"Now that the Health and Safety Executive has confirmed that there will be no further prosecutions of the trust, we are in a position to formally dissolve it," Mr Burke added.

"The Health Safety Executive is supportive of the trust being formally dissolved."

New constables for county force

SIXTEEN new recruits are embarking on a career with Staffordshire Police following an attestation ceremony.

The ceremony at the force's headquarters in Stafford was attended by Chief Constable Gareth Morgan, magistrate Kath Adams and the families of the new police constables.

Among the recruits are Pc Deborah Barton and Pc Kristofer Jones who will be based at Cannock, Pc Robert Barker, who will be on duty in Stafford, Pc Sophie Boden, who is joining the South Staffs local policing team, and Pc Philip Dinger, who will be located at Lichfield. The new officers will continue their classroom training and placements before joining the local policing teams across the county.

Ramblers' outing

CHASE Ramblers are going on an eight-mile easy/moderate walk from Wheaton Aston this Sunday, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 277498. New walkers welcome.

Bostin' idea ter paint Doreen's fizzog

The Rose Theatre's painting

QUEEN of the Black Country Doreen Tipton is hoping to be immortalised in art – and is looking for budding portrait artists to take on the challenge.

The self-styled Lazy Cow has even arranged a sitting – although it will probably be more of a 'lying' – for those who would like to draw her.

The shortlisted entries, to be decided by a panel of judges, will go on display at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

And the winning entry, which will be unveiled in a Doreen video, will later be auctioned off by Antiques Roadshow expert Will Farmer – if the artist agrees, as they get to keep the proceeds.

Professionals, students and amateur artists can enter. Age is no barrier as the competition even has a children's section for under-15s.

The winning entry in this category will also be auctioned off by Mr Farmer if the young painter agrees. Doreen has already been painted by Derek Powell-Jones of Rugeley.

It is now hanging up on the wall in The Rugeley Rose Theatre alongside some of his other paintings of famous faces.

The still-life sitting at the art gallery is planned for November 25.

To register and get more details about the competition budding artists should email lazycow@doreen.tv

An ideal subject for still life

New-staff ban lifted as school aims to be Great

A TEACHER recruitment ban has been lifted at a school after a watchdog said it was making progress towards leaving special measures.

Great Wyrley High School, which has more than 800 students, was heavily criticised by Ofsted in April 2016 and branded 'inadequate' overall. Standards plunged further in the ensuing months with around 30 staff leaving, two changes to the headship and attendance declining 'significantly'. An expected coversion into an academy has also stalled.

But now following their first monitoring inspection since last year, Ofsted has stated progress is finally being made and the school could now hire newly qualified teachers again.

Headteacher Lee Taylor, who is credited with leading recent improvements, declared the school was becoming 'Great' again.

The latest report from inspector Alun Williams said: "The arrival of the current headteacher in January 2017 has seen a rapid improvement in the school.

Required

"The rate of improvement has accelerated further at the start of this academic year as new leaders have taken up post and they have implemented new policies and systems."

But the inspector noted that further improvement was required including in teaching which was described as 'inconsistent' while un-validated GCSE results from this year indicated pupils were making 'slow progress'.

Mr Williams added: "Attendance, which was reported to be close to the national average at the last inspection, has declined significantly.

"During the school's decline, a culture of poor attendance has developed among a significant minority of pupils." But he added: "Leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures."

Mr Taylor said: "We recognise there is still a lot of work to do but we are working with the Department for Education and the City Learning Trust who are a powerful advocate for change. We have been saying it is a new school on an old site. We feel like we are putting the Great back in Great Wyrley High School."

£50,000 awarded to charities

Representatives from winning charities, from left, Dickie Jones from Staffordshire Women's Aid, Richard Soulsby from Katharine House Hospice, Susan Husband from MS Therapy Centre and Lorraine Gough from Midlands Freewheelers

TENS of thousands of pounds have been awarded to charities by Staffordshire Freemasons as they celebrate their 300th anniversary.

The milestone was marked with the Community Awards where a total of £50,000 was awarded to Midlands Freewheelers, Katharine House Hospice, MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton, and Staffordshire Women's Aid which were all voted for by the public for the first time. Midland Freewheelers, who provide emergency medical essentials including blood and tissue samples across the region, received the biggest donation of £25,000.

Provincial Grand Master John Lockley said: "We are proud to give this to you, who help people like us, because you never know when we will need you.

"It is important to recognise your worth."

Katharine House Hospice in Stafford received the second largest amount of £15,000 which will be put it towards training staff.

The MS Therapy Centre will be putting their £6,000 towards keeping the cost of treatment down for those who suffer with MS.

Staffordshire Women's Aid, also based in Stafford, received £4,000 which will be put towards continued support for women and children who have suffered domestic and sexual abuse.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rickshaw route to take in Cannock

THE One Show's Rickshaw Challenge has returned to screens for 2017 with an all-new team of riders and a brand new route which takes in Cannock.

This year's team will pedal 500 miles for Children in Need, and in a first for the challenge, the team will embark on their journey from London, riding north to the River Clyde.

Setting off from New Broadcasting House today (Thursday), the team will travel from Banbury to Cannock on Saturday and will be seeking the support of people to cheer them on toward their final destination – Glasgow – on November 17, in time for the BBC Children in Need Appeal Show.

Sponsors needed for music festival

ONE of the region's biggest music festivals is searching for a sponsor.

Staffs Fest, organised by LR Partnership, is a three day family-friendly festival featuring styles ranging from golden oldies to reggae and soul.

It will be held next year from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 at Lower Drayton Farm with plenty of entertainment for youngsters including an adventure playground and a kids zone.

Potential sponsors have been urged to visit staffsfest.co.uk and contact Liz at liz@lrpartnership or on 07769 713918.

Hub is in fashion with fundraiser

BIG savings will be on offer at a high street fashion event at the Create Community Hub in Huntington today (Thursday) starting at 7pm.

All items will be available to buy and Create's café will also be open selling light refreshments and drinks. Tickets are £5. The Hub is the former Littleton Youth Centre, next to Cannock Rugby Club, off Stafford Road.

Proceeds will support a range of community activities at the Hub from toddler group Create & Play and the school uniform bank to events like film screenings and craft sessions.

Trust will be going wild for festive fair

A TWO-DAY Christmas fair is to be held at the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's headquarters.

The event at the Wolseley Centre near Rugeley is on November 18 and 19. There will be more than 30 stalls offering a range of handmade crafts including jewellery, wood crafts and paintings. Traditional mince pies and mulled wine will also be on sale.

It runs from 10am to 4pm on both days and admission is £1.50.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Price rise that leaves consumer smarting

MY bill from British Gas has just landed on the doormat, covering the period when the company we all love to hate imposed its extortionate 15 per cent price rise.

Interestingly, while the latest reading was taken from the "smart meter", which gives exact readings by remote control, the company still found it necessary to estimate how much gas and electricity I had used before September 1, when the new charges came into force. Now if these meters are so smart, why couldn't they have provided an accurate reading for the amount of energy used before the rise?

I have no idea how accurate the estimate was – like a lot of you, I don't have the time to sit there staring at the little black box to keep tabs on how much power the washing machine consumes on its fast spin cycle. But I would be very surprised if the estimate did not work in British Gas's favour. It's funny how these new smart meters tend to be at their smartest when it benefits the energy company.

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THE late 1980s were about as good as life in this country got. Sharp suits, fast cars and decent television programmes, a time when we had everything we needed – when a giant mobile phone was a harmless gimmick rather than something which turned youngsters into zombies.

But for all the great things came out of that decade, I would suggest Hofmeister lager was not one of them. The flavourless fizzy goo is best remembered for its adverts starring George the Bear, a leering cockney in a shell suit and pork-pie hat. Incredibly, it is making a comeback. It was even voted the "best lager" in blind taste tests. Which is a bit like saying Eddie the Eagle was our best ski jumper.

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IT SEEMS we have been hit by a bit of a crime wave, with offences in the West Midlands force area up by 14 per cent.

Maybe it is to be expected, given we are now urged to report every bit of bad manners as a "hate crime".

What is revealing, though, is another set of figures showing areas of the West Midlands with the highest crime levels. As you would expect, central Birmingham tops the list with 1,030 crimes in June, but it is the next bit that gets interesting. In second place is Dudley town centre, with 752 crimes – three quarters that of Birmingham – and in fifth place is Stourbridge, with 416 crimes. These two towns have both seen their police stations closed to the public. A coincidence, I'm sure.

Brown revelations, and redhead Anne sparks anger

Sinking feeling – David Attenborough. Too much slow-mo and mood music on his show

Not seeing sense – Gordon Brown. He has revealed he feared losing his eyesight as PM

Seeing red – Anne Robinson, causing untold outrage in the shape of, how many tweets?

Fine Dave, but forget the rhapsody in Blue

THANKS for your messages about misused commas. I loved the police drink-drive campaign one Christmas with posters reading: "Don't drink, take drugs and drive."

THESE days, criticising David Attenborough is the closest thing we have to heresy. But at risk of the rack and disembowelment, I think Blue Planet II (BBC1) overdoes the music and the slow-motion.

I WAS surprised to learn this week that mental-health professionals in London estimate more than 11,000 people could experience "difficulties of some description" as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire. Do we give thanks that modern psychology can detect traumatic stress in so many individuals? Or do we simply wonder what's going on? I am reminded of an interview I did with a lady recalling her experience of the 1941 Blitz in Swansea, when she was nine. Her street took a direct hit. She and her family were buried in their cellar for hours. She emerged to learn that her best friend, also nine, had been killed in the house opposite. The next day she reported for school and her teacher asked why she was wearing plimsolls. The little girl explained that her school shoes were buried in the rubble of her house. Kindly but firmly, the teacher said she should go back and look for her shoes, "because we don't want Mr Hitler to think he's winning." That was then and Grenfell Tower is now, and I wonder what the Blitz generation would make of it all.

"I CANNOT work with you a moment longer." With those words, bus operator Sydney Hardy closed his company in Somerset, leaving 27 staff jobless. We can only guess at the stress that led to such a decision, but never underestimate the difficulties of employing other people. I have a friend who runs a small company. I once asked him what it's like having 40 employees. "Like having 40 children," he replied.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

NEW guidelines from the Good Housekeeping Institute say ice cream kept in the freezer for more than three months can lose its taste. Now, what taste would that be? Ice cream used to be tasty in about 1957 but the modern stuff is taste-free which probably explains why they've starting lacing the caramel varieties with that cheap, all-purpose flavour enhancer, salt.

IN his memoirs out next week, former prime minister Gordon Brown speaks frankly about his failing sight. Pity he wasn't so frank when he was in power. I recall showing him a newspaper with headlines about the state of the economy. He brushed the paper away with one hand. With hindsight, I realise Brown was hiding the fact that he couldn't read it. At the time, it seemed a rude gesture from a very odd bloke.

I AM amazed that any politician can defend fixed-odds gambling machines, the devices that can bankrupt a punter in a matter of hours. These infernal machines are Robin Hood in reverse, robbing the poor to make the rich very rich indeed. One spokesman for the industry this week declared that if the maximum odds were greatly reduced, it would mean the closure of thousands of betting shops. And good riddance, too.

BARRY Sheerman MP has been accused of snobbery for suggesting "better-educated people" voted to remain in the EU. But he is undeniably right. Brexit was never an intellectual exercise. It was a genuine working-class movement, the same sort of grass-roots uprising that gave us the welfare state and the NHS. And who is to say that the workers got it wrong and academia got it right?

YOU could just as well argue that those exposed to Britain's lefty-liberal education system for longest were thoroughly indoctrinated in an ivory-tower view of the EU, while people living and working in the real world saw it for what it was. A modern-languages professor in London won't hold the same opinion as a self-employed electrician in Wisbech. The first rejoices in Europe's rich culture. The second sees his jobs being taken by Polish workers. In last year's referendum we did not vote on the basis of our exam results or IQ. We each took our own life experiences to the ballot box, and a majority wanted to be out rather than in.

MEANWHILE, here's a lesson in how to create lots of offence from virtually nothing. From the Daily Telegraph website: "Anne Robinson has caused widespread outrage after saying women nowadays are 'fragile' and unable to deal with sexual harassment in the workplace." So what is the evidence for this "widespread outrage"? A million women marching on Robinson's office, perhaps? An internet poll signed by tens of thousands of the outraged? Not exactly. The Telegraph's "widespread outrage" was four tweets from Radio 4 listeners.

TALKING POINT

Just the ticket to drive me off road

The last time I did it, R Kelly was number one in the charts with Ignition, while at the cinema the film "Finding Nemo" had just been released in the United States.

I can't say I found it an enjoyable experience but at the time, it was a case of needs must.

These days, to me, driving is definitely something other people do, which is just as well as after all this time it would be unreasonable to assume that the finer points of the rules of the road have stayed the same.

I was reminded how rapidly such a mundane activity can change by a press release listing 10 rules drivers might have forgotten or did not know.

Many motorists might know they are not legally allowed to flash their lights to give way to others, but how many would be able to say that letting pets out of the car if it has broken down on the hard shoulder is a no-no according to the Highway Code?

Similarly, it's widely known that splashing a pedestrian is an offence, but how about this: paying with a phone at a drive-through takeaway is against the law unless the engine is switched off and handbrake applied.

Talking of pedestrians, pavements these days are turning into an area that could benefit from an on-foot equivalent of the Highway Code. Cyclists, mobility scooters, pushchairs, skateboarders, delivery vans . . . all are jostling for space on pavements and in pedestrianised areas where space is limited by A-boards, lamp posts, benches, and planters etc.

It's a wonder pedestrians can even get to where they want to, without an unpleasant confrontation or serious injury, but even they can cause problems.

Consider the 'shall we dance?' ritual as people walking towards each other step to the same side to let the other one pass. How about a 'keep left' rule seeing as that's the side we drive on in Britain?

And what about the formation walking teams who stroll along three or even four abreast, forcing those behind them to attract their attention so they can pass without stepping into the road? Let's see a 'leave enough space for overtaking' rule to deal with that one. And when leaving a shop, try looking both ways to avoid collisions with other pavement users.

It's enough to make you want to get behind the wheel again. On second thoughts though, is it worth having to look out for those pesky pedestrians day in day out? Whether on foot or driving, let's be more considerate to each other, shall we? Until then, everyone get out of the way, I've got a bus to catch!

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20,000 tons of salt at ready for a cold snap

MORE than 20,000 tons of salt has been stockpiled in Staffordshire in readiness for a drop in temperatures.

It comes as Staffordshire's gritting fleet were out on the roads on Monday for the first time this winter.

Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "As temperatures dropped across the county, our gritting teams were out in the early morning to treat the main roads."

Temperatures and road conditions will be monitored from weather stations across the county, and a special team will decide when and where to send out the machines.

On routine winter days and nights gritters will be focusing on the major routes and extending to the wider network in prolonged ice and snow conditions.

Prolonged

Councillor Fisher added: "In the past we have had snow right up until Easter.

"Even this year, we had an unseasonal cold snap in April where the gritters were called into action, so it's important to be prepared.

"On a typical winter day we will be out largely on key A and B roads, but in prolonged ice or snow we will be pulling out all the stops to treat less major routes across the network.

"Of course, every winter is a partnership effort. Our crews play their part, our community ice busters do theirs by clearing local paths, and we ask all drivers to play theirs as well.

"Regardless of whether a road has been gritted, motorists need to slow down, take extra care and allow more time for their journeys, as the most important thing is that we all get through winter safely." To find out how the county prepares for winter visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/winter

Tanning salon helps stars

Jamie Laing and Spencer Matthews escaping

TWO reality stars turned up at a tanning salon as part of a celebrity special TV show.

Jamie Laing and Spencer Matthews from Made in Chelsea visited the salon in Great Wyrley as part of Celebrity Hunted.

The hide and seek show sees teams go on the run from 'hunters' made up of former police and security services specialists.

They try to avoid capture for as long as possible. The celebrity version of the show is in aid of Stand Up to Cancer.

While on the run from the hunters, Laing and Matthews were dropped off at Bibbiddi Bobbiddi Boo Tanning & Beauty in Great Wyrley.

A friend of one of the salon staff members agreed to pick the pair up in a white Range Rover and dropped them in Ripley, Derbyshire, to keep them out of the clutches of the hunters.

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Noise from fireworks unbearable

THANK you Rugeley Town Council and all others for the fireworks display on the evening of November 4, which continued for what seemed ages.

The noise from these fireworks, which I describe as explosions, was unbearable.

It invaded my home, it invaded my being, and it caused distress to myself, my wife, my three dogs, and no doubt to other animals in the surrounding area.

It appears November 5 is not enough. Every year it gets worse as these noisy fireworks continue days before and after the event.

Why does this event take place? It is a reminder of violent times long gone, so why celebrate? It makes no sense at all.

ROBERT WESTWORTH
Rugeley

Why we prosecute in fly-tipping cases

WITH regard to the use of laws used by councils to tackle fly-tipping, South Staffordshire has used far stronger powers to deal with fly-tipping than the fixed penalty fine.

The fine is only one of a number of tools for tackling fly-tipping.

The maximum fine under the new rules is £400. However, since May 2016 we have prosecuted nine people for offences relating to fly-tipping and received nine convictions – the average amount awarded by the court has been well in excess of £1,000.

The amount able to be imposed by the courts is unlimited as opposed to the £400 maximum which in most cases does not even cover the costs of clearing the rubbish away. That is why we have prosecuted rather than using fixed penalty notices.

South Staffordshire Council has had the highest number of convictions for fly-tipping for any district council across the West Midlands in 2015-16 (the latest year for which comparison figures are available).

We carry out a number of pro-active operations with the police and other organisations to tackle fly-tipping and have also put in place a number of other measures, such as orders under the Anti-Social Behaviour legislation, to tackle this blight.

ROGER LEES
Deputy leader

Dementia a cruel, relentless disease

K GEE'S correspondence about his parent was touching and echoed everyone's nightmare into the fragility of a relationship with a person suffering from Alzheimer's ("How anger overcomes a family's best efforts", November 2).

No-one can prepare themselves for the inevitable, it's a cruel, relentless disease.

The reason I got involved in politics was the result of trying to change the status quo in hospitals.

Dementia and the Liverpool Pathway was but one.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

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Main losers are most vulnerable

WHEN it comes to bed blocking, Tory Staffordshire County Council is one of the worst in England.

Jeremy Hunt, the Tory Health Secretary, has recognised this and is supporting the NHS in withholding funding from Staffordshire as they are too incompetent to spend it properly.

The main losers in this are the most vulnerable in our society. They are ready and desperate to come home but instead they are stuck in hospital beds that are needed for other patients.

The county council bleat that the targets are too tough but other, more efficient councils achieve them.

This is a scandal. The most vulnerable in our society deserve better than this.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

Don't forget the good side of having a dog

ALTHOUGH I appreciate that Diane Davies has a genuine phobia of dogs, I am quite annoyed that she calls them dirty, needy creatures (Talking Point, November 2).

Not once did she mention the good they do ie saving lives, search and rescue, helping the blind and disabled, also companionship. Yes, they do moult but so do cats.

As to 'dirty mutts in my space', I thought the beauty spots she likes to walk in are public spaces for all to enjoy.

I presume she lets her cats out to wander at will into private gardens where they can use them as their toilet, hunt mice and kill birds. Please note that I have had, over the years, four wonderful dogs and two cats so let us enjoy these wonderful creatures. After all, they do not pollute this world as much as humans do.

LINDA HOPLEY
Cannock

£25bn buyback worth it

IN reply to Mr Allport's letter, there is no actual conclusive proof that Labour's manifesto would not work ("Disputing manifesto cost", November 2).

The right-wing press and other biased free market economy supporters claim it is too expensive, but is it?

Even the Tories admit that customers are being ripped off by the big six energy companies. The estimated cost to buy back the national grid at £25 billion would be worth it.

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Chocolate talk goes down treat

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed members and visitor Dawn Shine to an evening all about chocolate, as told by speaker Jackie Smith. Samples were tasted and Jackie, with the help of member Rev Sara Bowie, demonstrated how to make a decorated chocolate lollipop.

Since last month's skittles evening 11 members had attended the Autumn Council Meeting at Stafford and were entertained in the morning by Joanne Croxford, who has been instrumental in setting up three new WIs – the first one being in a mental health hospital where she works. She is also a volunteer at Denman College and is involved in helping survivors of the Grenfell Towers fire.

After lunch the speaker was Sally Becker, aka the Angel of Mostar, for her courageous work 25 years ago in rescuing wounded women and children from Bosnia. When the war spread to Kosovo she continued her rescue work and while leading families to escape across the mountains to Albania was shot in the leg by Serbian masked gunmen. At London 2012, she carried the Olympic flag at the opening ceremony on behalf of Peace and Justice.

Fourteen members had a lovely evening at the Heathside Group meeting hosted by Hayes Green. when Ruth Lowe gave the story of Mary Quant and 60s fashion with lots of original outfits.

Light-hearted look at retirement enjoyed

From left, Christine Taylor, Sheila Yard, David Berry and Madeline Richards

Cannock Chase Ladies' Probus Club

AT the September luncheon at The Barns, chairman Sheila Yard, welcomed everyone present, especially Pat Randall and Elsie Potts, who had make a welcome return to club after months of illness.

Christine Taylor said Grace after which the ladies sat to have their luncheon. After the Loyal Toast a short business meeting took place.

Mrs Yard then introduced and welcomed guest speaker David Berry who gave a very funny talk on 'A Humorous Look at Retirement'. Mr Berry certainly hit a chord with so many of his observations on retirement and most of the ladies could agree with and laugh at his stories. The vote of thanks was given by Madeline Richards who thanked Mr Berry for giving the ladies so many laughs. Mrs Richards presented a donation to Mr Berry which he said he would give to a hospice near to his home as he supported them and, in recent years, has raised £60,000 for them.

The club meets on the last Thursday in the month at The Barns and new members are always made welcome. Membership enquiries can be made to Norma Hutchinson on 01543 505183.

Milestone 21st year reached

Cheslyn Hay TG

CHESLYN Hay Guild has reached a milestone having been been in existence for 21 years. Members celebrated with afternoon tea and cakes.

Speaker for the afternoon was Liz Minshall who works for the Community Council of Staffordshire as a Good Life Village Agent, covering Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Saredon, Shareshill, Featherstone, Hilton and Essington.

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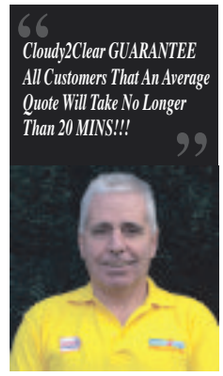

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Jones shows he's a true master of the absurd

REVIEW: Milton Jones, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

ENTERING the stage dressed as Great Britain, Milton Jones tickled the audience by discussing the ease of ventriloquism in the dark, Brexit and a well-received Harvey Weinstein joke.

"Welcome to the greatest comedian in Great Britain, in this venue, so far this evening," he announced in a lower voice.

Throughout the 53-year-old's performance a chorus of laughter filled the hall like an out of time *a capella* group.

A wave of low chuckles instinctively followed immediately after each of his jokes which were escalated by those who actually understood it, following on with an uproar of laughter from the original group who finally do get it.

He was supported by Great Wyrley lad Chris Stokes, who enthusiastically bounced off the audience.

His longer, more anecdotal comedic style warmed up the audience nicely for Milton who tied in some of his punchlines well with Chris on subjects as peculiar as the both of them, such as ninja seagulls.

Milton is mostly known as the silent but sharp and certainly strangest standout comedian on BBC 2's Mock the Week but is now travelling the country for the Milton Jones is Out There tour.

After many jokes, he picked up on the necessity to pause in silence and continued to stare out from stage with wide eyes and a raised eyebrow while his eyes flicking from left to right, waiting for people to get it. No doubt, he was hilarious but it was not side-splitting for me.

An insight into the audience's psyche in Wolverhampton was revealed as crayons, Trump, missiles, ghosts, cabbages and grandfathers were shouted out as topics for him as he invited them to test his improvisation skills.

CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

TSB partner boost for canal group

TSB Lichfield staff members and Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust volunteers outside the bank's branch in Conduit Street, from left, Julie Bolton, Emma Dance, Christopher Hunt, Joanne Adamson, Christine Bull, Bev Marshall, Aileen Salter and Dora Hancock

LICHFIELD and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust (LHCRT) has been given a fundraising boost after being chosen by the city's TSB branch as its local charity partner for 2017-18.

LHCRT chairperson Christine Bull said: "We are delighted to have been chosen as TSB Lichfield's new local charity partner.

"Their support will make a really positive impact on our charity and the work we do here in Lichfield."

The trust is currently campaigning to raise £1m to build a tunnel under the Cross-City railway line. To date the appeal has raised £400,000.

TSB has given more than £1.7 million to local causes across Britain since its local charity partnerships launched in 2015. Visit www.lhcrt.org.uk for more about the Tunnel Vision appeal.

£850k repairs to network

A MAJOR overhaul of canals in the West Midlands is set to get under way, charity bosses have announced.

The Canal & River Trust is beginning the revamp the network in Birmingham and the Black Country as part of a five-month winter maintenance programme. The work, taking place until the end of February, will see historic canal walls, locks and bridges painstakingly repaired as well as new lock gates installed at certain locks.

The trust, which is investing about £850,000 into the network, will move fish from affected sections so that water levels can be lowered.

Ian Lane, waterway manager for the Canal & River Trust, said: "The canals of Birmingham and the Black Country are world famous and it's our job, supported by volunteers and local communities, to make sure that they're working the way that they should.

"As a charity we're all about caring for the canals so that they can enhance people's lives for many years to come and these works are an important part of that."

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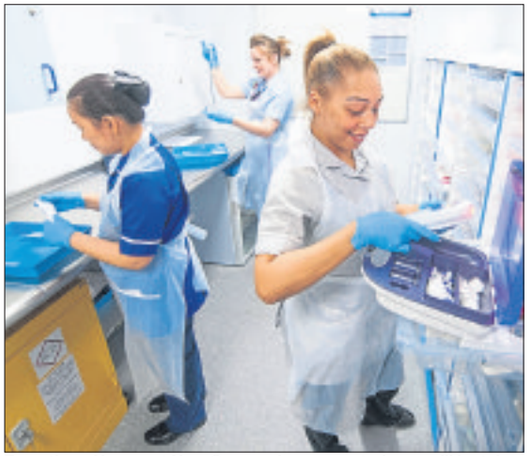
Staff sickness levels at hospital in 'crisis'

Nursing numbers shake-up



Expertise – Nurses at New Cross, where more trainees will be taken on as part of plans to create an 'adaptable contemporary workforce'

NEW Cross Hospital is in the grip of a staff sickness 'crisis' as a report reveals workers are having an average of almost a fortnight off each year.

Bosses at the hospital admit that the high levels of sickness, which are almost double the national average, present a 'challenge'.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's integrated quality and performance report for September 2017 shows that on average, staff had 9.83 days off a year – above that for other public sector workers.

Wolverhampton City Council reported nine average days lost per employee in its annual report.

The trust's report states: "The sickness rate for August 2017 is 4.36 per cent. This month's sickness rate is 1.12 per cent above the trust's target of 3.24 per cent."

Reduce

The report says the number of sick days is higher for staff at the hospital than the national average for those who work in public services, at 8.7 days off a year, and private sector workers, at 5.8 days off.

Alan Duffell, director of workforce at the trust, said people who have left the trust often mention the difficulty of maintaining a work-life balance, adding: "Recruitment and retention of staff remains an issue, and sickness levels continue to be a challenge.

"We have introduced a number of initiatives to reduce sickness levels across the trust. These include having a dedicated health and wellbeing service for staff to access."

In 2016, the trust reported an average loss of 10.25 days of sickness per person.

Councillor Paul Singh, shadow cabinet member for health and wellbeing on Wolverhampton City Council, said: "It's quite right to describe this as a crisis if staff are concerned about this."

THE number of registered nurses at New Cross Hospital is to be reduced and replaced by trainee nurses and care assistants.

The board of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust made the revelation as it revealed plans for its staffing in future years. Numbers overall at New Cross will increase.

But the plans will see the number of registered nurses at the hospital reduce by 28 to 507. The hospital will increase the number of care assistants from six to 30. There will also be 24 new trainee nursing posts created by the hospital.

It is part of the trust's plan to create an 'adaptable contemporary workforce' according to its latest inpatient 'skill mix review' report.

Chief nurse Cheryl Etches said the changes, discussed at a board trust meeting, have been introduced after discussions with staff.

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Shokar Supermarket, Unit 3 to 4, Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre – single-storey rear extension to form store room (replacement of timber building) and installation of roller shutters and infilling existing openings.

6 to 24 Willow Avenue, Burntwood – change of use of land to form service road and 10 parking spaces with associated works.

7 New Street, Chasetown – demolition of pre-fabricated single garage and replace with a detached double garage.

51 Farewell Lane, Burntwood – first-floor and two-storey rear extensions to form study, shower room and utility.

James among the first to take up an apprenticeship with HS2

A CANNOCK teenager is at the forefront of a new generation of hi-tech apprentices delivering HS2.

James Knapton, 18, is among the first people in the country to take up one of the schemes.

James, who is a keen kickboxer and runs his own classes for women in Cannock, was already looking at the apprenticeship route, and turned other offers down to join HS2 – because he wants to look back and tell his grandchildren he was involved in creating such an important part of Britain's infrastructure.

He is one of the 2,000 apprentices who will be working on the HS2 programme, developing skills in areas such as engineering and project management while learning at the newly opened National College for High Speed Rail campuses in Birmingham and Doncaster.

James Knapton

HS2 is set to support 25,000 jobs during construction

It is part of a trend which has seen degree-equivalent 'Higher' apprenticeships grow as a proportion of all UK apprenticeships, offering a route to 'earn whilst you learn' in a variety of high-value skills.

Overall, the HS2 project is expected to support around 25,000 jobs during construction and support growth in the wider economy, supporting a further 100,000 jobs.

The HS2 Ltd apprenticeship scheme has been championed by CEO Mark Thurston, himself a former Transport for London apprentice.

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He said: "My own career path demonstrates that apprenticeships can lead to a rewarding career, and I'm delighted that HS2 is playing its part in creating a talent pool for the future.

"Our commitment to creating 2,000 apprenticeships across the project will play a key role in the development of a highly skilled workforce in the high-speed rail industry," Mr Thurston added.

MP on 'pest list' came from the West Midlands

A TORY MP who has referred himself to the police following allegations of inappropriate sexual behaviour is originally from the Black Country.

Chris Pincher 'voluntarily stood down' from the Whips' Office and also referred himself to the party's complaints procedure amid accusations surrounding former Olympic rower and Tory activist Alex Story.

Mr Pincher, who was born in Walsall, is the current MP for Tamworth. The accusations relate to an alleged incident at his London home in 2001.

Mr Pincher said: "If Mr Story has ever felt offended by anything I said then I can only apologise to him."

A number of Midland Tory MPs have faced accusations following the leaking of a list of alleged sex pests. Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski has been referred to the party's disciplinary committee, while Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier is also being investigated.

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant revealed he featured on the list but strongly denied the accusation.

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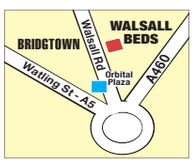

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Motty on the spot with match talk

HE is one of Britain's best-known football commentators and has covered an impressive 10 World Cups, 10 European Championships, 29 FA Cup finals and more than 200 England internationals.

At the end of the season John Motson will call time on his BBC career aged 72. And he is due to share highlights of his illustrious career in Walsall this month.

The broadcaster, popularly known as 'Motty', is in his 50th consecutive year with the BBC. Between 1979 and 2008, he was the BBC's voice on major cup finals including his record-breaking sixth World Cup Final in Berlin in 2006 and his 29th FA Cup Final in May 2008 between Cardiff City and Portsmouth, an achievement not reached by any other commentator.

"I have had a rather long career and have been very lucky to be paid to do something I love and that is watching football," he said ahead of his Banks's Stadium appearance on November 16 with doors opening at 6.30pm.

"I love doing radio and TV commentary as well as being involved in Match of the Day and Football Focus. Among my highlights are commentating on World Cups. I have been lucky enough to have been to 10. One of the best games I commentated on was when England beat Germany 5-1 in 2001 when Michael Owen scored a hat-trick.

"I have been lucky enough to cover more than 200 England games in 49 countries and saw the world through football. Some of the matches that are least memorable are the one-nils or nil-nils when you have to think of something to say, keep it alive and bring interest to the viewer."

John Motson, seen in his familiar role alongside the pitch on matchday

The son of a Methodist minister, Motson joined the BBC in 1968, following stints as a reporter on the Barnet Press and Sheffield Morning Telegraph. After starting out as a sports reporter on Radio 2, he made his breakthrough on Match of the Day during the famous FA Cup replay between Hereford and Newcastle four years later. Originally billed as a five-minute segment, Hereford's shock 2-1 win – thanks to Ronnie Radford's 30-yard strike – saw the match promoted to the main game, with Motson capturing all the drama.

Despite rivalry with fellow commentator Barry Davies, from 1979 to 2008 Motson was the BBC's voice on major finals such as the FA Cup, European Championships and World Cup.

"The game has massively changed over the years, especially commercially," he said. "One of my biggest regrets is never covering England in a championship final," he said. "But our young teams have done very well this year and if we can keep them together, bring them through and make sure they play first team football then it would seem England has as bright a future as I can remember."

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95pc of all fixed speed cameras are turned off

NINETY FIVE per cent of Staffordshire's speed cameras are turned off, it has been revealed. Out of 272 fixed cameras only 14 are active, Freedom of Information figures show.

By Carl Jackson

The Staffordshire Road Safety Partnership (SRSP) first cut the number of units in 2011 to save money. Initially they would not state how many but it soon emerged that around 130 had been axed.

The partnership still displays a map showing where the cameras are but does not say which ones are working.

Cannock Chase Council member Carl Bennett, who sits on the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel, said: "The concern is, nobody knows where the 14 are.

"But I think even the ones that are not working should remain. It is a deterrent, people do slow up."

Stafford Borough Councillor Christine Baron, who is on the authority's crime prevention panel, said: "That number is far too low.

"What is the point in paying to have them installed if you are not going to have them working? The trouble is, while they can still work as a deterrent, people find out which ones are not working."

Speaking on behalf of the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways and transport at the county council, said: "We use a range of initiatives to help keep our roads safe.

"These include driver education programmes, Community Speed Watch schemes and school-based campaigns like 20 is Plenty.

"We also use a range of enforcement measures through the partnership including static, mobile and average speed cameras."

No-one at Staffordshire Police was available to comment.

Club highlights work of charity

Jocelyn Ellams, left, of APP with Val Jones, president of SI Cannock & District

ACTION on Postpartum Psychosis [APP] is one of the charities being highlighted this year by Cannock Soroptimists president Val Jones.

It is a small and little known charity – before Val chose it, only three members of the club had ever heard of it.

Postpartum Psychosis – a devastating form of postnatal mental illness – is actually as common as Down's Syndrome, and one of the aims of the charity is to raise public awareness of the condition.

Jocelyn Ellams, a volunteer for APP and someone who suffered from the condition herself following the birth of her son, gave presentation to club members.

The club's president handed Jocelyn a donation towards the work of APP on behalf of SI Cannock and told her that at the end of her year, there would be a further donation.

More information about Action on Postpartum Psychosis can be found at www.app-network.org and about Cannock Soroptimists at www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district

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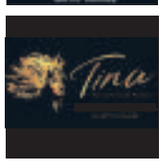

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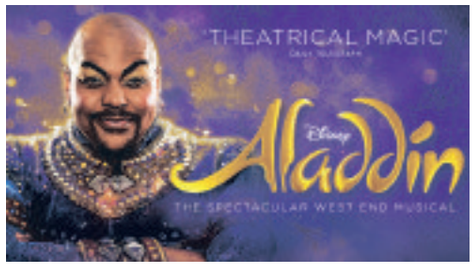

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Finning backs belief in Cannock with new jobs

CATERPILLAR dealer Finning has given its vote of confidence in Cannock by bringing extra employment to the town.

The UK and Ireland arm of the group has its headquarters at its 8.4-hectare site at Watling Street and a 127,000 sq ft warehouse, housing its national distribution centre, at Hickling Road, Kingswood Lakeside.

The company has bounced back from cutting its numbers employed nationally by 200 last year as part of a major restructuring of its UK operation, which was largely due to decline in demand from opencast coal mining since 2014-15.

Ahead

Challenging market conditions saw revenue in 2016 fall to £535.4 million from £552m a year before, but Cannock-born managing director Kevin Parkes, who has been in post for 18 months and has worked for Finning for 21 years, said there had been a dramatic change around this year. He said sales in the first two quarters had been ahead of plan with a return to 'normalised' profitability levels.

Mr Parkes said the efficiencies implemented last year had made Finning more 'lean and agile'. Nationally 40 per cent of sites around the UK were closed, but in many cases this involved consolidation of two support facilities in the same area onto one site. This had been a legacy of splitting the operation into two divisions in 2014.

The business prepares almost 3,000 Caterpillar machines a year for its customers and has 22 branch sites in the UK and Ireland.

Mr Parkes, a former pupil of Blake High School, Hednesford, said he was proud of Finning's association with Cannock. "The re-integration of our operation has led to more people being employed here in Cannock," he said.

"We have pulled back offices from around the country to Cannock.

"We have spent more than £1.5m at Watling Street and Kingswood Lakeside to allow us to accommodate more people, including providing better facilities and improving car parking. Cannock has seen an increase of 100 to just over 450 – out of a total workforce of 1,450 in the UK and Ireland, over the last year. We are committed to Cannock and this site and have plans for further modernisation."

Mr Parkes says he is also proud of Finning's record on investing in its people and recruiting apprentices with intake up to 16 this year and up to 50 being trained at any one time.

New apprentices who joined Finning in September

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The Tempest star wins top award

THE Tempest at Stafford Castle is up for two public choice awards, while actor Stephen Beckett has already been named best stage actor for his part in the show by critics.

The outdoor Shakespeare production, which ran from June 22 to July 8, has been nominated for 'best regional or touring production' at the Break A Leg Awards 2017.

Zephryn Taitte, who played Caliban, will contest the 'best actor on stage' category.

Voting closes on Saturday, November 20.

Beckett, who has featured in TV series including The Bill and Coronation Street, has already received the critics award for dramatic performance for his portrayal of Prospero.

It comes on the back of the announcement that Macbeth will be performed at the castle next year. The iconic tragedy set in fictional medieval Scotland will run from June 28 to July 14.

Stephen Beckett as Prospero in The Tempest

Jail for motorist who drove car into woman

A DRIVER whose car hit a woman and broke her leg following a chase involving two cars has been jailed for nearly two years.

Christopher Grant was at the wheel of a Ford Fiesta chasing a Renault Mégane from Cannock to Brownhills.

Inside the Mégane was Savanna Fisher who, during the pursuit, phoned her mother to seek help.

When the cars arrived in Chapel Street, the victim's mother was waiting outside her home with her husband, who was holding a broom.

Both cars stopped before 28-year-old Grant accelerated and smashed into Miss Fisher as she went to get out of the Mégane. Her tibia and fibula in her right leg were fractured, requiring surgery, which involved inserting pins and plates. Grant, of First Avenue, Stafford, dumped the Fiesta at a canalside before calling 999 to report it had been stolen in a carjacking.

Wolverhampton Crown Court

He was arrested the next day and in interview changed his story claiming he had been attacked but had got away at which point he was chased by the Mégane.

He added the Mégane had stopped suddenly and reversed into his car, which had caused the damage to the Fiesta.

Grant later pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court to one year and seven months in prison.

He was also disqualified from driving for two years and nine-and-a-half months. Judge James Burbidge QC said why the two cars were involved in a chase was still not clear.

Ms Joanne Wallbanks, defending, said her client had feared for his safety after seeing a man holding a broom.

She said: "The basis of plea states he didn't deliberately hit her or the car."

Solicitor of notes joins legal team

A LAW firm with branches in Cannock and Lichfield has appointed a solicitor known for his talent on stage as well as in litigation circles.

Mr Alcock

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Farm shop enjoys a double triumph

Staff celebrate, from left, Helen Naylor, Andy McLeod, Katheryn Sharrott, Jill Fletcher *Picture: Dave Finchett*

A FARM shop in Staffordshire is celebrating a double award win. Staff at Essington Farm proved they can come up with the finest delicacies after walking away with two prizes at the Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards.

Co-owner Richard Simkin, who lives on the farm with his family, said: "We are thrilled to bits that the whole staff team has been recognised – from the production chain through to the retail staff selling the items in the shop and tea room." Essington Farm was crowned Farm Shop of the Year and Food Producer of the Year during the awards ceremony at Lichfield Cathedral.

The Bognop Road shop, which stocks fruits, vegetables and meat, has won popularity with customers after producing its own products as well as sourcing food from local suppliers. Mr Simkin added: "We must be doing something right. We have been retailing in the local community since 1892. We are really pleased because we put quite a lot of time and effort into upgrading and refurbishing the farm shop and restaurant, which has been open just a year now."

'Tell us what you think' appeal on Local Plan

A CONSULTATION on plans for the future of the Cannock Chase district has begun. It comes ahead of the release of the district council' Corporate Plan in the spring.

The plan sets out ambitions for new homes and investment in leisure centres as well as open spaces in the district. Before that, the authority is looking for the public to get across their ideas for the plan.

The consultation will run until December 1.

By Jordan Harris

Councillor George Adamson, leader of the council, said: "At Cannock Chase Council, we're ambitious for the future.

Potential

"We want to build on recent progress and make sure we can attract more opportunities for our local communities.

"The Mill Green designer outlet village, due to open in 2019-20, has the potential to transform the economy of the District, bringing investment, jobs and visitors to the area.

"Alongside our award-winning parks and natural environments, vibrant leisure facilities, modern housing, excellent transport links and thriving business scene, the future looks bright for Cannock Chase.Our new Corporate Plan, due to published in spring 2018, will set out our priorities and focus for the future," Councillor Adamson added.

"We'd love to hear your views on what these priorities mean to you, and your vision of Cannock Chase in the future."

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CCTV images of burglars linked to six break-ins

CAUGHT on camera but undeterred – these two burglars are believed to be behind six break-ins in 48 hours.

Residents in Great Wyrley have been put on alert after homes in four streets were raided, with the thieves smashing their way in to snatch cash, jewellery and electrical goods.

Two tracksuit-wearing suspects were captured on CCTV brazenly strolling through one home before fleeing with a safe.

Owner Lee Ashmore's footage has since viewed on social media by thousands of people.

The 35-year-old construction manager was away on holiday in Newquay with fiancée Sharlotte March when their home in Hilton Lane was raided at 7.15pm on Saturday, October 28.

Shock

Mr Ashmore said: "A neighbour rang us and told us our French windows had been smashed.

"Our CCTV captured two people. It's just a shock. I have got floodlights, CCTV, quite a bit of security and they didn't care. They pulled off the sensors from the floodlights. Initially it is just shock at someone in your house. Then it turns to anger."

One of the suspects was wearing black gloves, light trousers and a light coloured zipped-up hooded jacket. The other was wearing a dark coloured tracksuit with light trim, and a beanie-type hat with a scarf covering their face and black gloves.

Mr Ashmore added that it was 'strange' a lot of his expensive electronic equipment was left untouched and the two simply made off with the digital safe from his computer room where they had broke off the lock to gain access.

He said the only item inside was possibly a set of spare car keys to his Jaguar and now he could be faced with a £300 bill to get the locks on his car changed.

Mr Ashmore added: "It just leaves you on edge. You don't know if they might come back. If they do have the keys they might come back and try and steal the car."

The two suspects stare down the lens

One of the raiders makes off with a safe

One of the men searching the house

Homes in Walsall Road, Stafford Road and Wharwell Lane were also broken into during the 48-hour spree.

Staffordshire Police confirmed they are looking into the possibility of the incidents being linked.

A force spokesman added: "We have had numerous burglaries reported overnight, specifically in the Great Wyrley area.

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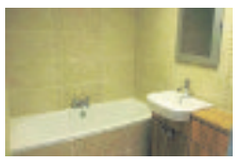

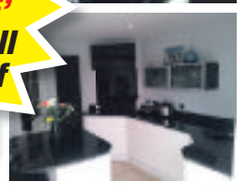
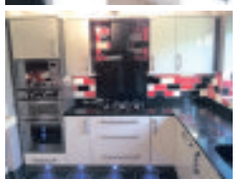

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Countdown now on for the final judging

WELL this is the last week we will be carrying pictures of all your adorable pets – for now.

But do not despair. If your pet has not featured on our weekly competition page that does not mean that it will not be included in the shortlist for the final judging.

Keep an eye out for the shortlist of 10 which will be appearing in our editions of Thursday, November 30 and Thursday, December 7.

Then it will be up to you readers to let us know what you think. We are looking for the most interesting picture.

When we print the shortlist we will include details of how to vote so keep your eye out.

As well as the £100 prize the winner will feature on the front page of our Christmas week editions.

Over the weeks we have had hundreds of entries of all sorts of different pets. Some out walking, some playing, lots eating and enjoying a snooze, but one thing has become very clear – just how much these pets are loved. Thanks for all your entries.

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Helping students to reach their potential

The curriculum available to students offers both academic and vocational courses

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There are opportunities to get involved in school life such as fundraising and voluntary work

If the well known phrase about school days being the happiest days of your life is true, surely it is also true that those spent in the sixth form are the very best of all, according to a spokesman at Shire Oak.

"We especially see this at Shire Oak where our sixth formers continue to amaze us with their drive towards excellence alongside their spirited approach to life.

"Indeed the success of Shire Oak Academy Sixth Form can be measured not only by the results the students have achieved over the last five years, nor by the number that go on to universities or apprenticeships, but by the fond memories with which they leave our sixth form."

Commercial feature

Through a combination of rigorous monitoring, high standards of care, an excellent curriculum and staff with a real passion for learning, the academy continues to push itself to the forefront of post-16 education.

Once again last year's Year 13 maintained a high pass rate of 99% with 100% of students gaining two or more A-levels or equivalent and 97% gaining three or more A-levels or equivalent. In the last Ofsted inspection it was commented that "the sixth form is good. It is well led, and students benefit from good teaching and achieve well".

The inspectors also commented "students are given good support and guidance and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning and for future employment".

Modern

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With access to "The Loakal" – the sixth form and staff café – students have everything they need to succeed.

The curriculum available to students offers both academic and vocational courses ensuring that all members of the sixth form are challenged in a stimulating, supportive and caring environment, allowing them to pursue qualifications and skills in preparation for the next steps of their lives.

There are also many additional opportunities for students in the sixth form. A highly successful period of work placement for Year 12 students in the summer term allows them to secure invaluable experiences in the world of work, residential trips, a broad enrichment programme, and many opportunities to get involved in school life such as fundraising and voluntary work, to name just a few.

The spokesman added: "All of these things add up to a vibrant and challenging two years at Shire Oak Academy Sixth Form where unique and memorable experiences can be fostered."

Quick on the draw for the Big festival

MORE than 200 people of all ages got creative at a series of free art workshops in Lichfield.

In celebration of the world's biggest drawing festival, The Big Draw, Lichfield District Council hosted three drop-in art workshops. This year's theme was 'Living Lines: An Animated Big Draw Festival', which aimed to unite pixels, pencils and people from across the globe to celebrate the universal language of drawing.

Locally, artists Francis and Gloria Lowe were stationed outside The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, and encouraged participants to create drawings on an easel, which were filmed to produce an animated film.

Artist Amanda Holiday also led a workshop at Speakers' Corner in Dam Street, and invited passers-by to create marks on large sheets of paper using unusual objects, such as brooms, rollers and a meat tenderiser.

Driver 'took' car after his partner fell ill at the wheel

A MOTORIST ended up charged with taking a car without the consent of the owner after taking over the driving of a courtesy car when his partner took ill.

James Pendleton, aged 28, took over the wheel of the Seat Ibiza from his pregnant partner when she suffered 'a funny turn', affecting her vision, and felt unable to continue the journey while driving in Rugeley.

The car had been provided by her insurance firm after her own vehicle had been damaged in an accident, Cannock magistrates heard.

Pendleton drove the vehicle a short distance to a place of safety, said Ms Deborah Cartwright-Stewart, defending.

"Normally cars are taken without the consent of their owners for joy-riding or other criminal purposes but this case is really a technicality.

"Mr Pendleton has pleaded guilty because he accepts the car was not hired to him. He was named as an insured driver on her original car and thought that also covered him to drive the courtesy car.

"His partner has suffered with her back and from depression and migraines. On this occasion she couldn't see properly and did not feel safe to continue driving."

Pendleton, of Deacons Way, Rugeley, pleaded guilty to taking a car without consent and driving with no insurance. He was ordered to pay £949 in fines and costs and had his licence endorsed by six points.

Police issue warning over batch of drugs

A DANGEROUS batch of heroin has been doing the rounds in Hednesford, police have warned.

Staffordshire Police issued an alert saying there was a 'potent/contaminated' supply of the class A drug present in the town. A force spokesman said the intelligence had come from an anonymous source and was being followed up by local neighbourhood officers. He added that the message was issued as a warning. No arrests had been made and there had been no reported incidents.

Staffordshire Police tweeted: "WARNING – We have been made aware that a potentially potent/contaminated batch of heroin is in circulation in the Hednesford area."

Reports of drug-related anti-social behaviour have declined in the Cannock Chase district in recent months.

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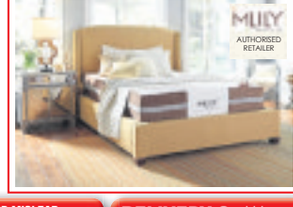

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Council begins survey into conservation area

CONSULTATION has started on proposals to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of Rugeley's Sheep Fair/ Bow Street conservation area.

Recognised as being of special architectural and historical interest, the zone was designated as a conservation area in 2004.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning on Cannock Chase Council, said "The council has prepared proposals for consultation.

"The documents describe and appraise the area's character and appearance, what matters and why.

"It also sets out the history and special features as well as recommendations for their enhancement and protection," Councillor Alcott added.

Viewed

The proposals build on the council's already adopted generic Conservation Areas Management Plan by setting out specific policies for Sheep Fair/Bow Street, based on recommendations in the council's appraisal.

The public consultation will end on Monday December, 18. The documents can be viewed on the council's website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy

Copies can also be inspected during normal opening hours at the Rugeley Area Office,in Anson Street, Rugeley; Rugeley Library; and the Civic Centre, in Beecroft Road, Cannock.

Comments can be submitted either by email to planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Policy, Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG.

Any comments submitted cannot be treated confidentially.

Names will be made public but contact details will not be disclosed.

Aid for nurses wins award

The team, Paula Wood, Helen Wheeler, Celine Grundy and Pam Davenport, receive their prize from Alison While, a Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute *Picture: QNI/Kate Stanworth*

AN innovative tool developed by Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent NHS Partnership Trust (SSOTP) to improve the quality and efficiency of its district nurses' caseloads and bring benefits to patient care has received national recognition.

A team from the trust presented a poster display of the review tool at the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) annual conference and were awarded first prize and praised for their innovative approach.

Launched in February, the District Nurse Caseload Review Tool was developed by the trust in order to create a standardised approach to reviewing what were 'unwieldy' district nurse caseloads to ensure they are all managed and run efficiently, effectively, safely and where possibly innovatively, to support high quality care for all.

Prior to its introduction, there was no standardised way in which caseloads were reviewed and they were increasingly difficult to manage due to the unpredictability and increasing demand of the patients they serve.

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Memorial to be at heart of gathering

A WAR memorial that commemorates those from Chadsmoor who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars will take centre stage this Remembrance Day.

The memorial

A special service will take place on Saturday at the memorial, which is at the top of Burn Street in the the heart of Chadsmoor.

The local community are asked to attend the service from 10.15am, to include a two-minute silence at 11am. The memorial was opened and dedicated in 2015 thanks to the hard work of the Chadsmoor History Society. Call 01543 423148.

Service on the Chase will remember dogs

A SERVICE will be held to remember working dogs and will start a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Friends of Cannock Chase.

The group have invited working dogs and their owners to the service tomorrow (Friday) at 2pm.

The annual service, now in its eighth year, was inspired by Freda, a Harlequin Dane that was the New Zealand Rifles' mascot when the regiment was stationed on Cannock Chase during the First World War.

She died in 1918, while the regiment was training on Cannock Chase, and is buried there. In memory of Freda, and dogs like her, the service will be held at her grave, which is off Chase Road.

Freda's grave on Cannock Chase

June Jukes, chairman of the Friends of Cannock Chase, said Whether you're remembering the bravery of a military or police dog, a missed support or pet dog, or simply want to celebrate 70 years of volunteering, everyone is welcome."

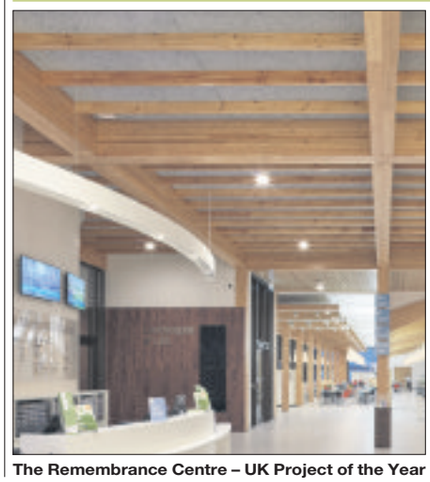
Freda's grave is 0.6 miles south east of Brocton . It is marked 'Meml' on the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 244 – grid reference SJ978188.

● A verse from the famous war poem In Flanders Fields has been etched on the ground at the National Memorial Arboretum to help the Royal British Legion with its annual Poppy Appeal.

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant will be laying poppy wreaths on behalf of the Government and the House of Commons on the Arboretum's Armed Forces Memorial at 11am on Saturday.

The following day, Remembrance Sunday, there will be a service open to the public at the memorial at 10.30am.

Welcome centre wins top title



The Remembrance Centre – UK Project of the Year

THE Remembrance Centre at the National Memorial Arboretum has scooped a UK Project of the Year title.

The accolade was announced at the grand final of this year's Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Awards.

The £15.7 million centre, delivered by Edmond Shipway, Glenn Howells Architects and Stepnell, won the award for outstanding best practice and significant benefit to the local area and wider economy.

It was described by RICS judges as a unique building that not only enhances the visitor journey, but is also of beautiful and sustainable, detailed construction.

David Brooks Wilson, chair of the grand final judging panel, said of the centre: "It engages both with its environment and its visitors, as a place of welcome and orientation."

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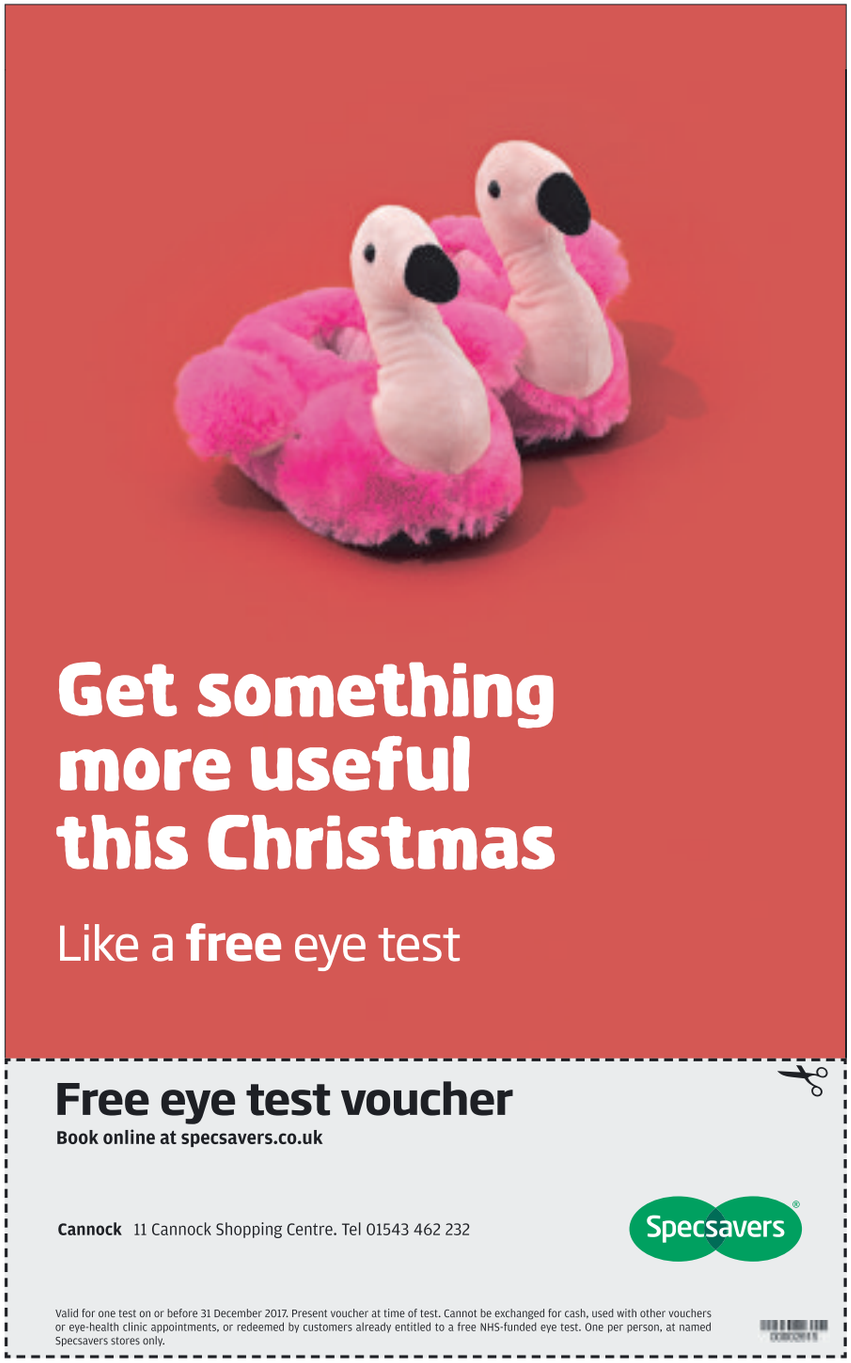

Aspire, believe and achieve at academy

Commercial feature

Welcome to SUA6 – the Sixth Form at Staffordshire University Academy where students Aspire, Believe, Achieve!

This is the academy mission statement and something staff truly believe in for all of the students at the academy.

The sixth form is a growing area of the academy.

Head of sixth form Mr Sean Andrews said: "We offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses and have a proven track record of supporting our students to achieve their goals and ultimately gaining a place at university or securing full time employment."

Last year nearly 60% of Year 13 leavers gained a place at university. Other leavers went onto higher level apprenticeships or straight into employment.

Involved

Sixth form students take an active role in academy life and have many opportunities to develop their life skills and other qualities that will prove valuable in the work place.

Students are fully involved in academy events, they work with children in other year groups and have an input in how staff develop new ideas and initiatives.

The development of independence in students is encouraged and students run many events and activities.

Students have the opportunity to work with external providers and regularly take part in work experience across a wide range of professions.

Regular careers guidance is given as part of tutor group sessions and regular assemblies.

In addition there are regular visits from external providers to discuss future aspirations, ensuring students are well-informed and aware of their options after sixth form study.

SUA6 offers a wide range of academic and vocational courses

The curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of all who join the sixth form

The curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of all who join the sixth form. There are academic subjects such as A-levels in English, maths and science, to name a few.

The sixth form also has a range of vocational options available which can be taken alongside A-levels or taken as standalone options.

The spokesman added: "We have high aspirations for our students, hard work is key too, but with the guidance and support of our staff we know that students are well equipped to achieve success at SUA6."

The sixth form open evening will be taking place on Thursday, November 16, from 5:30pm to 7pm. There will be opportunity to have a look around the academy building and meet teachers in all of the sixth form subjects. Application forms and a prospectus will be available on the evening.

A short presentation will be given at 5:45pm in the academy hall.

"We warmly welcome all Year 11 students and their families to the event to find out about the opportunities available at SUA6.

"Even if you do not attend Year 11 at our academy we would love to see you here and show you why we believe that SUA6 should be considered as an option for your sixth form education."

A5 closed after serious collision

THE A5 in Staffordshire was closed in both directions between the junctions with the A5148 and the A38 near Lichfield due to a a serious collision on Monday.

Paramedics and police were called to the scene just before 8am. It happened on the east side of the roundabout for the M6 Toll at Glascote Heath.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman Claire Brown said: "It was a two-car collision, and we sent one ambulance. We treated two patients – a man who was taken to Good Hope Hospital, in Sutton Coldfield, and a woman aged in her 20s who was the driver of one of the cars and did not go to hospital."

The vehicles involved are a maroon Chrysler Cruiser and a blue Honda Civic.

Drivers were warned to follow diversions which were put in place following the collision.

Children's services 'to be seamless' under shake-up

PLANS to re-shape children's services in Staffordshire have moved a step closer.

A contract has been awarded to the Staffordshire Stoke on Trent Partnership by Staffordshire County Council.

Its work will cover health visiting, the family nurse partnership and parental support through children's centres.

The county council inherited responsibility for some of these services from the NHS last year. Councillor Alan White, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "By bringing school nursing and children's centre services together with health visiting services under one roof, teams will be able to work seamlessly for the benefit of local families.

"The main aim of this programme is to ensure Staffordshire's families get the right amount of support to meet individual needs. We will still be investing around £10.6 million into the new programme, but with less money to go around we have to focus on those who need it most, and we are confident we can give families the support they need to improve their health and wellbeing."

Neil Carr, chief executive at Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust, said: "The service will provide an important opportunity for our children's teams to work in more innovative ways and work much more closely with local partners who also provide children's services."

Good boy! MP's praise for top dog

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has saluted the Staffordshire Regimental mascot in Parliament a year after he was crowned the 2016 Westminster Dog of the Year.

Ms Milling praised the work undertaken by Sgt Watchman V and his handler Greg Hedges promoting the Staffordshire Regimental family and wider armed forces causes across the county. Watchman regularly attends military parades, ceremonies and remembrance events, with his handler giving up much of his free time to undertake his role. This enables Watchman to also support a number of military causes including the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, RSPCA and many other charities.

"I am a big fan of Watchman. This week saw a new Westminster Dog of the Year crowned; however, Watchman was a real hit last year and holds a position steeped in history," Ms Milling told the Commons.

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'Character' councillor dies at 80

A COUNCILLOR who represented a South Staffordshire village for more than 40 years has died aged 80.

Bryn Whitehouse joined Essington Parish Council in June 1973 and also served on the district council.

He continued to serve the community up to his death last Wednesday.

Councillor David Clifft, said: "He was one of our community's great characters. Bryn was Essington and Essington was Bryn Whitehouse."

Councillor Whitehouse was known for flying the flag of St George from the top of a 25ft high pole on his front drive every day for almost half a century.

Mr Whitehouse

Training firm inadequate, says Ofsted

THE standard of training given to apprentices in Staffordshire looking to work in care has been criticised in a report. Allied Healthcare Stafford, based at Staffordshire Technology Park, has been rated 'inadequate' by Ofsted.

The watchdog criticised the 'woefully low expectations' of managers and apprentices who 'do not prioritise their learning'. The company provides care and support to people in their own homes and in the Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent areas and the latest inspection covered the training side of the business.

According to inspectors, 'no key strengths' could be found and managers were labelled 'complacent and unambitious'.

Maria Navarro, lead inspector, said: "Managers set woefully low expectations for their assessors and these, in return, fail to motivate apprentices to complete their learning programme on time and to a high standard.

"Complacent and unambitious managers do not set assessors sufficiently challenging targets to ensure the rapid progress of the already reduced number of apprentices on programme."

Harmed

The inspection rated Allied Healthcare inadequate in terms of leadership, quality of teaching, personal development, outcomes for learners and apprenticeships. Previously, the service had been rated as requires improvement overall.

The report also stated that the company actually harmed learners' chances of improving their career and prospects.

Ms Navarro said: "Teaching, learning and assessment are weak, they do not support apprentices to progress well and to acquire new occupational skills and knowledge."

No-one at Allied Care was available to comment on the report.

Patron of wildlife trust announced

The trust's chairman Richard Higgs, left, with Ian Dudson

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Lord-Lieutenant has been named a patron of the county's largest nature conservation charity.

Ian Dudson, a keen wildlife enthusiast, has been Lord-Lieutenant since March 2012 and is now the new Staffordshire Wildlife Trust patron. He said: "Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been working to protect wildlife and wild places where we live for almost 50 years.

"I have seen first-hand on a number of occasions the work the charity carries out, from looking after nature reserves to its fantastic education programme, where it inspires young people to gain enjoyment and understanding of the natural world. It is a great honour to be asked to be patron of this fantastic charity."

The trust is the county's largest nature conservation charity with almost 15,000 members and owning or managing 27 nature reserves. Mr Dudson was awarded a CBE for his services to the ceramics industry in 2002 and is the former High Sheriff of the county.

Leather is topic

NORTON Canes Historical Society's next meeting is on Tuesday, November 14, from 7pm to 9pm at the library in Burntwood Road. The speaker is Michael Glasson and his topic is 'Walsall's Leather Industry'. Admission is free.

Comeback mini-market

A MINI-MARKET is being held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday from 9.30 to 11.15am.

It is almost four months since the church's last market after the building suffered weather damage. Repairs are almost complete and organisers are urging people to go along to the Comeback/Christmas event.

Business chief voices concern at rate rise

A BUSINESS leader has raised concerns about the decision to increase interest rates.

The official bank rate has been lifted from 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent – the first increase since July 2007.

Chris Plant, director of the Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce, said: "Our preferred outcome was for a further period of monetary stability, with interest rates steady over the near term. These are challenging times for monetary policymakers. The Monetary Policy Committee had the unenviable task of weighing future risks to inflation, from a tight – and tightening – labour market, pass-through from a weaker pound and rising commodity prices."

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Marathon yet another role for actor Graeme

STAFFORDSHIRE actor Graeme Brookes has announced he will be running in next year's London Marathon – having only taken up running 'outdoors' in the summer.

Graeme, currently on tour with the thriller Wait Until Dark, has never run a marathon and says he doesn't even like running but describes himself as 'quite impulsive'. He has lost more than 8st in the last 12 months and has completed 'a few' half marathons although only ran more than 5k and outdoors for the first time this June.

However, Graeme, who hails from Walsall but moved to Burntwood, did walk 146 miles in seven days 'to watch Walsall FC lose badly at Wembley'.

Graeme Brookes – 'brilliant cause'

Graeme reaches Wembley Stadium

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Graeme was named Saddlers Fan of the Season in 2015 after raising £7,600 for charity in memory of his grandfather. He set off from the Banks's Stadium to arrive at Wembley just in time to watch Walsall in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Unfortunately they lost 2-0 to Bristol City.

He took on the walk to raise money for the Walsall Society for the Blind in memory of his grandfather Ronald, who followed the Saddlers for 83 years, despite being deaf and blind.

Graeme explained the challenge saying: "It's about that time that I do something daft in my life and ask you please to generously donate some of your hard earned cash!

"Now, as Walsall aren't going anywhere near Wembley anytime soon, there are no walks on the horizon, so I was wondered to myself 'what I can do?', then it hit me . . .

"I am going to run, jog, walk, limp and crawl the 26.2 miles on April 22, 2018 and I am doing it all for a brilliant and very worthwhile cause . . . The National Deaf Children's Society." Both of his paternal grandparents were deaf so he spent a lot of time at Walsall Deaf Club. When working in children's services he came across many young people who were deaf and was surprised by the lack of support for them, which was when he came across the National Deaf Children's Society and saw the 'superb work' they were doing.

Graeme has set up the 'rungraemerun' blog ahead of the challenge. He said: "I intend to blog about the training and build-up going forward – which will be essentially a diary of my moaning about my poorly legs, how many blisters I have accrued, the potential injuries as they develop, me begging you for money and embarrassing exploits of me suddenly needing the loo during a jog and having to sneak into a pub toilet without them looking!" Anyone who would like to support Graeme should go to virginmoneygiving.com

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The celebrations next Friday, November 17, will run from 9am to 8pm and are set to include a full day market, children's amusements throughout the day, face painting from 1pm to 4pm and a firework display at 7pm.

A range of live music will take place throughout the day, and Santa himself will be making an appearance at 6pm.

The fireworks will again be supplied by Jackflash Fireworks, the same company that provided the brilliant display last year.

During this time, Beecroft Road Underpass, Market Hall Street and the walkway areas leading to Littleton Court will be closed at 6.45pm. The bus station entrance to Cannock Shopping Centre will remain open.

All areas will reopen the same evening at 7.15pm.

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She will be in the centre on December 16 and 20 between 11am and 2pm, giving out lots of warm hugs and maybe even a sweet treat or two.

Elsa will be in the Upper Mall in the pop-up Winter Wonderland scene, where children can meet her in exchange for a small donation to Age UK South Staffordshire. There will be the opportunity to have a photograph taken with Elsa and of course, it wouldn't be Elsa if there wasn't a sing-song too!

Age UK South Staffordshire will also be in the centre, bringing lots of festive fun fundraising activities with them so make sure you don't miss out!

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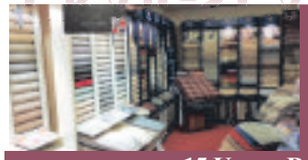

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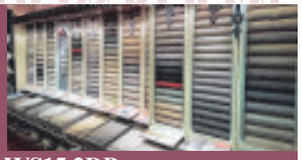

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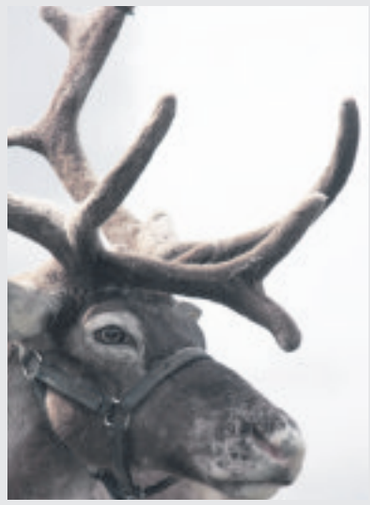

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Garrick lines up star cast for show

The mystical and magical tale of Aladdin will be fabulously brought to life in the Lichfield Garrick's own 'high flying' family pantomime this festive season.

CBeebies Cat Sandion is the latest star name confirmed to perform at the Lichfield Garrick in their festive offering Aladdin.

The theatre welcomes back Sam Rabone as Dame Widow Twankey and Ben Thornton as Wishy Washy.

The trio are joined by children's author Ian Billings as the Emperor of China, Lichfield-based actress Lizzie Wofford as the Spirit of the Ring, pantomime favourite James Mitchell as PC Pongo, stage and musical theatre actor Cameron Johnson as the Genie of the Lamp, Laine Theatre Arts Graduate Adrian Bevan as Aladdin, and Sutton Coldfield's finest baddie Robin Johnson as Abanazar.

Aladdin is written by Paul Hendy, directed by Tim Ford and produced by the same team behind last year's box office smash, Sleeping Beauty. Aladdin runs at the Garrick from November 30 to January 6.

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The market will be bursting with local produce selling everything you need for your festive feast, with the chance to sample lots of local delicacies.

The Old Deanery Farm Cafe will be open serving hot drinks and festive food, including a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

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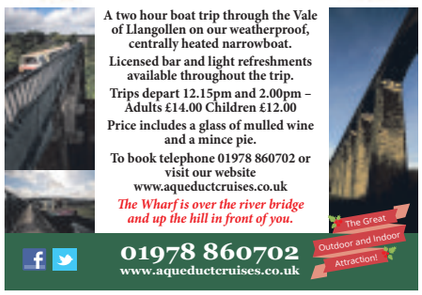

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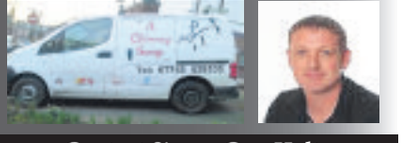

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Hollybush also has the most wonderful selection of Christmas trees in all sizes and colours and a lighting range that will make your choice harder than ever.

Real Christmas trees will be available from November 25 and there will be late night shopping until 8pm, every Thursday from November 30.

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Phil firmly believes that the success of any business is as much about people as it is about products. He added: "We firmly believe that we are a people business, we treat our customers as we would expect to be treated when out shopping ourselves, our customers are our lifeblood, and they can be assured they will get the very best service in our industry when buying from Empire Appliances."

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A company spokesman said: "Are the family coming over for Christmas? We have a range of guest beds, sofa beds and day beds for guests to lie their heads down after the day's festivities. We also have a great range of chairs for those extra numbers at Christmas!

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"We were founded on the belief that much of the high street, expensive brands and large store chains give consumers a bad deal. We design and source our unique furniture collections directly from the manufacturers, and we find the best craftsmen to build them – often the same people who make products for top high street brands, however without the branded price tag!

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Decorating trend

It's amazing how quickly it seems to come around. One minute you're re-boxing the decorations on a cold January afternoon and in the blink of an eye you're unpacking them for the next year's festivities.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year, but frankly, it can be hard work. Aside from the cooking, preparing your home for the Christmas family invasion can be a big job.

Presentation is key, and everybody wants to capture that perfect mix of festive feel and style with their decorations and table dressing. With this in mind, we've taken a look at some of this year's trends, to give you a bit of inspiration for the perfect setting to impress the relatives!

Dressing the table

If your Christmas roast is the rockstar of the day, then your dining table is the stage – and one that can make your dinner's 'performance' spectacular.

A popular trend this year is to go for copper-coloured cutlery teamed with detailed glassware.

This can add a charming and festive touch without over occupying that much-needed table space, adding a subtle and stylish sense of occasion.

Upping the anti to the next level, try a combination of tall candles in your chosen festive shades with short white pillar candles.

Christmas Tree

The absolute centrepiece of your Christmas interior display. Everything about the tree is deeply personal – from the size and shape, to its placement, to the quantity and style of its decorations. For those who go for a larger tree, a popular tip for this year is to be relatively minimalist with any other decorations around the room.

Your tree is larger than life; keep it the star of the show! A classic red and white decoration scheme is fashionable at the moment, though gold teamed with silver will give your tree a stylish look and should compliment most interior decor schemes well.

Classic white bulbs are always a winner, and can be teamed well with illuminating coffee table or mantelpiece decorations that will more often than not feature white LEDs. If you do opt for a colour scheme featuring red, however, a subtle string of red fairy lights around the tree can be a nice touch and can also soften any white lighting.

Mantelpiece and wall decor

Many will argue that less is more with this, but it's mainly about keeping everything co-ordinated.

Quite a good way of tying the rest of your decor into your tree is to incorporate small off-cuts of the tree into your mantelpiece or table decorations – this can create a lovely natural festive look when teamed with candles or other lighting.

Future is so bright as store marks 4 years

A Cannock town centre store has just marked its fourth anniversary and is optimistic of its prospects for the future.

Crazy Daisy enjoyed a successful festive period last year and is looking ahead to more of the same. Jo Thacker, owner of the fashion and homeware store, said: "We have had an incredible response from shoppers since opening Crazy Daisy in October 2013.

"The feedback from customers has been fantastic and we would like to thank all of our customers and shoppers at the centre for such a warm welcome."

"Crazy Daisy is the first of its kind bringing you all the best High Street names in ladies' fashion, shoes, bags and accessories at a fraction of the original store price. Our motto is BIG names at SMALL prices."

"You cannot fail to be impressed with the extensive range in casualwear to eveningwear in sizes from 6-22. Exciting products are introduced every week and there is a diverse range of contemporary gifts and stylish products for the home."

Jo added: "We are thrilled to be part of this vibrant shopping centre and look forward to bringing our high street brands and discounted prices to the shoppers of Cannock. By having such a variety in one store we hope to help our customers, especially in the lead-up to Christmas, in buying their gifts and also perhaps even pick up a party dress while they're here."

Crazy Daisy is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and on Sundays 11am to 3pm.

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The salon has recently undergone a refurbishment and offers a calm, relaxing and tranquil environment.

They offer a wide range of therapies and relaxing treatments including reflexology, Reiki, and a large amount of massage therapies including hot stones, deep tissue, Swedish, Thai and many more. The salon also offers an upbeat nail area offering manicures, pedicures and nail treatments, and the beauty therapist specialises in Hollywood Lashes and Microblading, as well as waxing, tinting, make-up and more.

Celebrate Christmas by treating someone special to vouchers. What better way to cure the stresses of everyday life than with a Tonic Day Spa experience that has therapies and treatments suitable for everyone?

Award-winner is going from strength to strength

Blue Ginger has gone from strength to strength, having recently been awarded 'Chef of the year' in the Cannock District for 2017/2018 by Midland Balti Association, and also winning Express & Star's Indian Restaurant of the year Competition for both 2016 and 2017.

The award-winning food served at this restaurant is all freshly prepared by the chef using only the best ingredients, offering a number of custom-made dishes.

A spokesman for the venue said: "The chef will also prepare dishes that are not on the menu when given prior notice of the request, which allows them to offer a number of special dishes which will be personally created by the chef using exciting blends that you cannot find anywhere else!

"There is an array of wonderful starters to choose from, and also the more familiar dishes as well, including the House Specials, remaining true to the regional cuisines of India and Bangladesh.

"You can now also enjoy fantastic entertainment evenings at Blue Ginger, which include great food and music. For upcoming events please view the Facebook page where you will find all of the information."

Christmas bookings are now being taken. Call to reserve your table on 01543 500300 or visit www.bluegingercannock.com

Family-friendly venue located right in the heart of Cannock

St Mary's Social Club and Community Centre is a family-friendly venue in the heart of Cannock.

With facilities including four function rooms, it is the perfect venue for any event whether it's a wedding reception, birthday, funeral or christening. It is also ideal for business and corporate events too.

The centre is a large hall that can accommodate up to 220 people with parking for 30-40 cars, as well as a large council car park nearby.

There is regular entertainment ranging from karaoke nights, a quiz night and live music.

There is a full menu on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and a Sunday carvery. They stock a great choice of casked ales and a good selection of gins.

So if it's good food or great entertainment in a friendly welcoming place, St Mary's is the place to go.

Authentic cuisine at an award-winning venue

The award-winning Dilshad Indian Restaurant, in Chadsmoor, Cannock, continues to reward its loyal diners by serving fantastic authentic Asian cuisines.

Established in 1979 it has fast become one of the most popular curry houses in Cannock, with an excellent reputation for quality food and service.

On entering the restaurant, diners will instantly be amazed by the elegant décor through a variance of rich and sensual colours creating a truly positive ambiance.

The Dilshad's head chef has put together an extensive menu which is full of excitement and offers a plethora of choice with mouth-watering cuisines separated into regions and types. Owner Tony Uddin is a big believer in charity events and holds a monthly quiz with the proceeds going to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

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Restaurant enjoys taste of success

Sanam Balti opened its doors in 1992 and is now celebrating 25 years in business.

The restaurant aims to make each visit a memorable, enjoyable experience.

The menu features high quality balti cuisine, authentic flavours with a contemporary twist and dishes that benefit from different accents and influences from around the world. The decor has been developed to give a rich, friendly and welcoming feel whilst the staff are friendly and attentive.

An award-winning restaurant, including winner of the Balti Cup 2010/11; and Best Balti Chef 2010; and more recently runner-up in the Mid Staffs Express and Star Indian restaurant of the year 2016.

The restaurant can cater for up to 160 people with a private party room available for larger parties.

So if you are looking for somewhere to hold your Christmas party then look no further.

However if you require a table for two for a romantic evening or a larger table for a family celebration, the Sanam Balti has something for everyone.

Lovely venue nestled in heart of Cannock Chase

Nestled in the heart of Cannock Chase is The Chetwynd Arms at Upper Longdon.

It is a family-run pub and restaurant with lots to offer. Catering for families, dog walkers, hikers and horse riders alike, everyone visiting this fabulous place will most certainly receive a friendly welcome.

Diners can also enjoy a beautiful beer garden and the venue has regular entertainment, and offers a free function room for hire.

There is a wide selection of freshly prepared, home-cooked traditional food, served in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

If you are planning a festive family meal there is a fantastic menu, with a free bottle of wine when you book. Christmas Day is fully booked.

To find out more about what the pub has to offer visit www.chetwyndarmsupperlongdon.co.uk or find the pub on Facebook or Instagram.

Indian cuisine is just so authentic

It has now been a quarter of a century since the opening of Saleem Bagh authentic Indian cuisine in Cannock.

The Saleem Bagh first opened its doors in 1991 when it brought the town to a standstill, as the Lord Mayor of Cannock rode in on a live elephant leaving all the spectators astonished.

Ever since, people from all around have been enjoying this modern Indian dining experience in the heart of the county. Today Saleem Bagh is still owned and run by the original founder Mr. Miah, along with the original chef whose speciality is a magnificent nine-course banquet and over the last two and a half decades the restaurant has won a number of awards and accolades and has had numerous articles published in many of the local newspapers for exquisite dining.

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With their new-look store now open at Grey Friars' place, Stafford, the company are making headway with a rebrand across all five of their fresh meat and frozen food outlets.

The Whitehouse family has begun a companywide rebrand to 'WHITEHOUSE FOODS', a moniker, which their new Stafford store has been the first to adopt.

Range

As company director Steven explains: "We have become so much more than your local butcher and we feel our Whitehouse Brothers Meat Market label falls short of capturing that versatility and range we have to offer."

Stores in Burntwood, Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley are expected to follow suit very soon.

It is clear to see that their focus and pride is still vested in their fresh meat range, with an in-house butcher on hand in every store, creating bespoke cuts for discerning clients.

However, the frozen selection of vegetables, party food, fish and meat products offers shoppers a one-stop-shop for all their weekly meal essentials. The focus on quality also looks set to stay with the five stores boasting a range of meat dedicated to British farmers and producers.

Joint company director Andrew added: "Getting to know our consumer is something we put a lot of effort into, through in-store suggestions, emails and social media. There's an overwhelming demand for British and so we're continually developing the range with the customer's needs in mind."

Another aspect of our weekly shop that we all look out for is great value and the Whitehouse stores certainly don't disappoint in that department, with year-round mix & match deals.

As the festive season draws near, the stores have released turkey and hamper deals, which can be ordered up until December 10.

Every customer who places an order is put into a prize draw in which 10 lucky customers win their complete order. One special customer will win the unbelievable prize of free meat for a whole year.

Customers can collect one point for every £1 spent with the 'W' loyalty card. Once 500 points have been collected they can be transferred into £5 to spend in-store. The cards can also be used as a savings card.

The company is heading from strength to strength and is excited to see what the New Year brings.

Pub is 'a gem' situated at centre of the community

The Yew Tree, Norton Canes, is situated right in the centre of the community.

This little gem is so much more than just your local pub. With regular live entertainment every Saturday, this venue has a real buzz about it. You can keep up to date with the latest sport on Sky Sports and BT Sports with large screens across the pub. Every second Wednesday is the Classic Car Meeting.

The menu is extensive, with lots of deals on week nights, including two steaks and a bottle of wine for just £20, plus a great choice for kids with their own menu. The bar stocks a fantastic range of gins and some great lagers and a wide selection of cask ales to choose from. There is a large car park and a beautiful beer garden. Bookings are now being taken for Christmas Festive Fayre meals, call for details or pop in.

Find the pub on Facebook, Twitter, TripAdvisor or visit www.yewtreepubcannock.co.uk

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Noddy and I have had a hell of a life

You'd expect him to be the showiest of all of the members of Slade. After all, Dave Hill made a career from modelling silver wigs and platform boots. He was the brightest star in Slade's firmament, the one who'd dress most outrageously, who'd model a great scooping fringe for more years than was sensible.

Yet Dave Hill is as far removed from the caricature as is possible. Our scheduled 15-minute chat turns into 45. And the subjects aren't just Rolls Royces and drink, six number one singles and outrageous apparel – Dave talks about depression and importance of our shared history, about his deep, deep affection for the Black Country and a long-lasting marriage.

The man nicknamed Superyob who rocked the world with Slade is more sensitive and thoughtful than anyone might imagine. Yes, there's Merry Xmas Everybody and six smash LPs in his new book, So Here It Is, which is published this month by Unbound. But there's also talk about post-War Britain and his office job at Tarmac, about sliding into depression during his later years and suffering a stroke, there's an honest assessment of Slade's split – to paraphrase, everyone started to hate Noddy, though Dave and Nod are the best of pals again now – and there's the slow revealing of a gentle soul.

Superyob? Dave Hill. You're having a larf.

"I was born in a castle and then grew up in a council house in Wolverhampton. I had a smashing mum and dad but things were tough growing up in post-War Britain. My life really changed when I heard rock'n'roll music. I said goodbye to an office job at Tarmac and never looked back. I played in various groups before fame came knocking at my door.

"Slade's success didn't happen overnight but boy, were we big when we took off! We had 23 top twenty hits and six number one singles. Three of these went straight to the number one spot – a first, not even matched by The Beatles. Topping it all was Merry Xmas Everybody, which sold over one million copies. We also had six smash LPs, and one time had the number one and two spots on the LP chart. All this made Slade the biggest band in the UK in the 70s, and we were massive all over the world, too.

"Slade had some great years but fashions change and the break-up of the original band was heartbreaking. I thought that would be it for me.

"I battled through depression and got over a stroke, and decided to carry on doing the thing which I do best: I went back on the road with Slade. I've seen more of the world, and more fans, in the last 25 years than I did when the band were at their most famous."

Back in the day – Slade in the early 70s

I was in a dark place – I had two years of really bad depression

Dave's autobiography, inevitably, was created in his beloved Black Country. He met a writer, from Walsall, who was a big Slade fan and encouraged him to jot down his memories. Publishers were slow on the uptake so they took it to Unbound, the pledge-funded organisation. Dave smashed his target – achieving 116 per cent funding from 564 backers.

"It was a nice process. If I'd been with a different publisher, they'd have been telling me what to write. With these guys, I was just allowed to get on with it. I worked with a ghostwriter, he was from Wednesbury. It was important to do it that way. I was working with somebody who understood the way I talk and who related to my upbringing."

Dave didn't just want to write about the good times. He wanted to tell the truth, to write down his experience of mental health issues.

"The Slade years were incredible. We had the most original Christmas song. We influenced a lot of people. Those years took me to destinations I wouldn't have dreamed of. Everything was good until the break-up of the band.

"I didn't know what I was going to do. But I'd got a good wife and three children. I had a lot to carry on for."

Dave is more candid in his book about the break-up than others have been.

"I spoke to Nod about it, he keeps in touch. He said nobody's really written how the split was. So I did my best to write about how it was. Nod and myself have one heck of a life. We have a love for each other. We didn't agree with everything but we agreed with one thing, to be in a great band. We achieved that. Slade were a great rock'n'roll band. We had uniqueness and an honesty.

"With Nod, there was the realisation that he was going to go. And back then, when I weighed it up, maybe there wasn't any love for him in the band any more. He had to do what he had to do. In the early days it was like we were glued together. But we loved it and we're mates now. We'll always be known for it, especially Nod and myself."

Dave's book is equally remarkable for his exploration of depression, which followed routine surgery.

"I was in a dark place for a while. I had two years of really bad depression and was wondering whether I would ever feel good again. It was scary, it was hard on the family. I didn't trust medication. I found the right person who helped me, a great psychiatrist, who knew about medication. She was a specialist in her area and great to talk to. She told me I was 100 per cent depressed."

The joy returned when he listed to some old 60s music in his car. "The music gave me that joy inside. I went on a shopping spree buying clothes, I was Dave Hill again, that bloke, going out and getting stuff. The dark areas faded away. But I've wrote about that in the book."

Andy Richardson

● So Here It Is: How the Boy From Wolverhampton Rocked the World With Slade, by Dave Hill, is published by Unbound on November 16.

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Wolverhampton's Lions of Dissent

Lions of Dissent are the complete package

Lions of Dissent self produce and create everything themselves, including the lyrics, music, studio production, video production, art design and website as well as screen printing T-shirts and curating photo shoots.

Currently with 10 members, the group which formed in 2015 features a creative director, songwriters, musicians, producers, filmmakers, web developers and graphic designers.

Speaking about the group's collective philosophy, lead songwriter Tim Baker says 'It's not only through absolute necessity, but an essential part of the ethos that we create everything ourselves – constructing and expanding our own universe piece by piece and inviting everybody to step inside as they pass us by'.

Having gained praise from the likes of Simon Raymonde (owner of Bella Union Records), Anton Newcombe (Brian Jonestown Massacre) and Simone Marie Butler (Primal Scream) the group have also attracted international interest.

After releasing seven videos on YouTube, tracks such as X Y Z and Heaven Sent have amassed over 6000 views to build an audience and reputation. This has allowed them to release their debut EP 'What Would It Feel Like To Be Free' this week on their own label Lion Rebel Recordings.

Now Lions of Dissent have announced their debut live show taking place in their home city at the Newhampton Arts Centre tomorrow night (Friday).

Wolf Alice ready to rock Academy

The gig of the week sees Wolf Alice in concert at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Thursday, November 16.

Since their debut My Love Is Cool in 2015 and a storming Glastonbury set last year, this London outfit have become the UK's premier indie rock band – blending shoegaze guitar swirl with grungy hard rock. The four piece fronted by Ellie Rowsell, pictured, a month ago released second album Visions of a Life and won more fans with an appearance on Jools Holland's TV show.

And it's worth turning up early to catch their tour supports Superfood – returning to their home city – and New York trio Sunflower Bean.

Fans have two chances to catch singer-songwriter Newton Faulkner, at the O2 Institute in Digbeth, Birmingham, on Saturday or Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on Tuesday. He has released sixth studio album, Hit The Ground Running.

Mods will be out in force at the Robin 2 for a double bill of Secret Affair and The Chords on Saturday. Expect to be dazzled by the light show when space rockers The Hawklords, featuring ex-members of Hawkwind, play the Bilston venue on Sunday. John 'Drumbo' French, a former colleague of experimental blues artist Captain Beefheart brings an incarnation of the late captain's Magic Band to the Robin on Monday during their farewell tour.

Afro Celt Sound System and The Dhol Foundation are at Birmingham Town Hall tomorrow (Friday) and The Bard of Barking Billy Bragg is at that venue on Saturday.

Three legends perform in Birmingham including, on Monday, Blondie (Arena Birmingham) and Van Morrison (Symphony Hall) then Alice Cooper on Tuesday (Arena Birmingham).

Perfect role for Strictly's Danny

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard is at Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday to Saturday with Hollyoaks actor and Strictly Come Dancing finalist Danny Mac.

Mac plays Joe Gillis, a down-on-his-luck writer who stumbles into the deluded world of faded silent movie queen Norma Desmond, played by stage star Ria Jones. The show features the songs The Perfect Year and With One Look. For tickets see birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

The comedy just keeps on coming

It's been a funny old autumn, with comedy festivals in Wolverhampton and Birmingham, but the laughs keep on coming.

Following his sold-out show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall this week, Liverpudlian comic, actor and presenter John Bishop brings his Winging It tour to Arena Birmingham tomorrow (Friday) for the first of three consecutive nights.

Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre hosts Brummie Jo Enright with her Erdington Girl show tomorrow night. Comedian and activist Mark Thomas brings his Show That Gambles On The Future, his vision of what the world could hold in store, to the MAC in Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston, next Thursday, November 16. The following night James Cook's new stand-up show Too Many Jameses is at the MAC's Hegagon Theatre.

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SATURDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 11

CHOICE

Alfie Boe

Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2017 (BBC1, 9pm)

The Royal Albert Hall in London hosts the annual Festival of Remembrance. Huw Edwards narrates the event as the likes of Tom Odell, Alfie Boe and Lesley Garrett take to the iconic stage alongside the Queen's Colour Squadron and the Royal Marines Band. They will be paying tribute to the men and women who have died in combat since the First World War. The event concludes with the now-iconic poppy petal shower, which sees thousands of poppy petals rain down on the assembled audience - among which sits Her Majesty the Queen - as a symbol of each life lost. Tomorrow morning the annual National Service of Remembrance will take place at the Cenotaph and will be covered by BBC One from 10.20am.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.45** Lord Mayor's Show 2017. **12.05** Football Focus. **12.35** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Rugby League World Cup. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Samoa (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **5.35** BBC News. **5.45** Regional Programme. **5.55** Pointless Celebrities.

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing. The pro-celebrity couples face yet another round of high-pressure performances, as the competition enters its eighth weekend. Only nine duos remain, and Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly present as the pairs once more take to the dancefloor to demonstrate whether a week of rigorous training has had any impact on their skills as dancers. This time, though, the pressure is higher than ever, as anyone who drops out of the contest this weekend will miss out on the chance to dance at Blackpool Tower Ballroom next week. As ever, judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell preside over the contest, awarding each star a score that could give them a crucial lead in avoiding elimination following the public vote.

8.10 Casualty. Ethan's secret seems to have been discovered, but Connie's reluctance to treat her condition gives him a more urgent problem to tackle.

9.00 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2017. Huw Edwards hosts the annual Festival of Remembrance at London's Royal Albert Hall.

10.40 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, and Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. (R)

11.30 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game, plus a look at the major stories shaping the NFL world.

12.00 Film: Three Fugitives. (1989) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **6.45** Animal Park Summer Special. (R) **7.30** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **8.00** Deadly 60. (R) **8.30** Show Me What You're Made Of. **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up!; Two Minutes Silence. **11.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **12.00** Nigella: At My Table. (R) **12.30** Italy Unpacked. (R) **1.30** Wild Brazil. (R) **2.30** Flog It! (R) **3.15** Mastermind. (R) **3.45** Cycling – Track World Cup. **4.45** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v Australia (Kick-off 5.15pm). John Inverdale introduces coverage from the Principality Stadium, as the hosts begin their autumn international campaign.

7.30 International Rugby Union. England v Argentina. Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the autumn international at Twickenham. With commentary by Andrew Cotter and Brian Moore, and analysis by Jeremy Guscott.

8.30 Dad's Army. A night at the cinema with the rest of the platoon and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. Comedy first broadcast in 1972, starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. (R)

9.00 Film: Effie Gray. (2014) Premiere. A Victorian woman is trapped in a loveless marriage to a celebrated art critic from the age of 19. She becomes a model for a painter her husband is promoting and falls in love with him. Inspired by the relationship and aided by a respected writer, she creates scandal by becoming the first woman to seek a divorce. Fact-based period drama, starring Dakota Fanning and Emma Thompson.

10.40 QI XL. Bill Bailey, Jan Ravens and Grayson Perry join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.

11.25 Film: Private Peaceful. (2012) Two brothers' relationship is changed for ever when they serve in the First World War. Drama based on Michael Morpurgo's novel, starring Jack O'Connell.

1.00 Film: Free Men. (2011) An Algerian black marketeer in Nazi-occupied France is forced to become a spy, but ends up joining a resistance cell. Second World War drama, with Tahar Rahim and Michael Lonsdale. **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.30** Gino's Italian Coastal Escape. (R) **11.55** The Harbour. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The X Factor. (R) **2.20** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **2.50** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.40** Catchphrase. (R) **5.25** The Cruise. (R) **5.55** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a drone flying into a child's face, a unicycling Scotsman and a builder being crushed by a wall.

7.10 Ninja Warrior UK. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the third heat, as competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge. (R)

8.10 The X Factor Live. Dermot O'Leary hosts as the talent contest enters its third weekend of live eliminations, and the remaining acts step on-stage to face scrutiny at the hands of the judges.

9.40 The Jonathan Ross Show. Jamaican singer, model and actress Grace Jones visits the studio, along with former Great British Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain and comedian Micky Flanagan. Plus, music by Stormzy.

10.40 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 World Cup Qualifier Playoff Highlights. Jacqui Oatley presents action from all four first-leg matches, including Northern Ireland v Switzerland at Windsor Park and Denmark v Republic of Ireland at the Parken Stadium.

11.55 Film: Run Fat Boy Run. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg and Thandie Newton.

1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Frasier. (R) **7.40** Frasier. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.55** The Big Bang Theory. **9.20** The Simpsons. (R) **9.50** The Simpsons. (R) **10.15** The Simpsons. (R) **10.45** The Simpsons. (R) **11.15** The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.00** Best Laid Plans. **5.00** Grand Designs. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Volatile Earth: Killer Floods. Scientists use state-of-the-art technology to investigate theories that suggest catastrophic floods raged across the Earth thousands of years ago, shaping the planet's landmasses. Aerial photography is combined with the latest forensic techniques to assess bizarre landscapes in America, Iceland and the floor of the English Channel, which might all have been formed by huge floods. Previously seen on More4.

7.30 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position in the 19th and penultimate round of the season, which takes place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo. Recently crowned world champion Lewis Hamilton won here for the first time last year, becoming the first British victor since Jenson Button in 2012.

9.00 Film: Terminator Genisys. (2015) Premiere. A soldier fighting in a post-apocalyptic war against living machines is sent back in time to prevent an attempt to change the past – but when he arrives, he finds that history has been changed beyond recognition – and that a plot is being hatched by an unexpected enemy to destroy the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Emilia Clarke.

11.30 Film: GI Joe: Retaliation. (2013) An elite military team battles a terrorist organisation that has replaced the US president with an imposter. Action adventure sequel, with Dwayne Johnson.

1.40 The Last Leg. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Santa Makes You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **12.40 Film:** Operation Christmas. (2016) Drama, starring Tricia Helfer. **2.25 Film:** All I Want for Christmas. (2013) Festive fantasy, starring Melissa Sagemiller. **4.05 Film:** A Christmas Song. (2012) Romantic drama, with Natasha Henstridge and Gabe Hogan. **5.05** 5 News Update. **5.10 Film:** A Christmas Song. (2012) Concluded.

6.10 Film: The Nine Lives of Christmas. (2014) A fireman who prefers being single adopts a stray cat, but having a pet makes him long for some human company. Romantic comedy, starring Brandon Routh.

7.10 5 News Update.

7.15 Film: The Nine Lives of Christmas. (2014) Concluded.

7.50 NCIS: New Orleans. A petty officer is found dead in a sports arena clutching a tranquilliser gun, and the team discovers the killing is related to a kidnapping case from the past.

8.45 NCIS: New Orleans. A naval lieutenant is tortured and murdered, and the case takes a personal turn for Sebastian when he is kidnapped by the killer and forced to assist in a prison break.

9.40 5 News Weekend.

9.45 Live Boxing. Josh Taylor v Miguel Vazquez. Coverage of the WBC Silver Super-Lightweight title bout from Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh. Taylor is undefeated in his professional career thus far, having recorded 10 consecutive victories that include nine wins by stoppage, but he faces arguably his toughest opponent in Vazquez. Though the Mexican may perhaps be on the slide in the tail end of his career he is vastly experienced, having previously held the IBF World Lightweight title from 2010 to 2014, while he boasts a record of 39 wins against just five losses.

11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from Leagues One and Two, including Doncaster Rovers v Rotherham United, Rochdale v Wigan Athletic, and Carlisle United v Yeovil Town.

12.05 SuperCasino. **3.10** When Calls the Heart. (R) **4.40** Access. **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem **8.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.35** The Vietnam War **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.45** Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem **2.45** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **3.45** Close

ITV2

11.35 Film: See Spot Run (2001) **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30 Film:** See Spot Run (2001) **1.30 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **3.40 Film:** Bean (1997) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45 Film:** Bean (1997) **5.20 Film:** Clash of the Titans (2010) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25 Film:** Clash of the Titans (2010) **7.25 Film:** Pacific Rim (2013) **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30 Film:** Pacific Rim (2013) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.35** Timewasters **2.05** Viral Tap **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.00 Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **11.50** Wycliffe **1.00** Foyle's War **5.05** Midsomer Murders **11.05** The Syndicate **12.10** Jane Eyre **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.20 Fishing Impossible **12.25** The Big Fish Off **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Wincanton. Coverage of today's race meetings at Wincanton and Doncaster. **4.00** The Sweeney **5.00** The Car Chasers **6.00** Storage Wars **6.25** Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **6.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live. Coverage of the second semi-final from the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. **11.15 Film:** 6 Bullets (2012) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** 6 Bullets (2012) **1.30** The Classic Car Show **2.30** Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 The Goldbergs **1.25 Film:** Johnny English Reborn (2011) **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Bourne Legacy (2012) **11.40** Gogglebox **1.50** The Inbetweeners **2.50** Rude Tube **3.45** 2 Broke Girls **4.05** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

11.00 The Black Knight (1954) **1.00** Short Circuit 2 (1988) **3.10** Song of the Sea (2014) **5.05** Picture Perfect (1997) **7.05** Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (2014) **9.00** The World's End (2013) **11.10** 30 Days of Night (2007) **1.25** The Anomaly (2014) **3.25** Close

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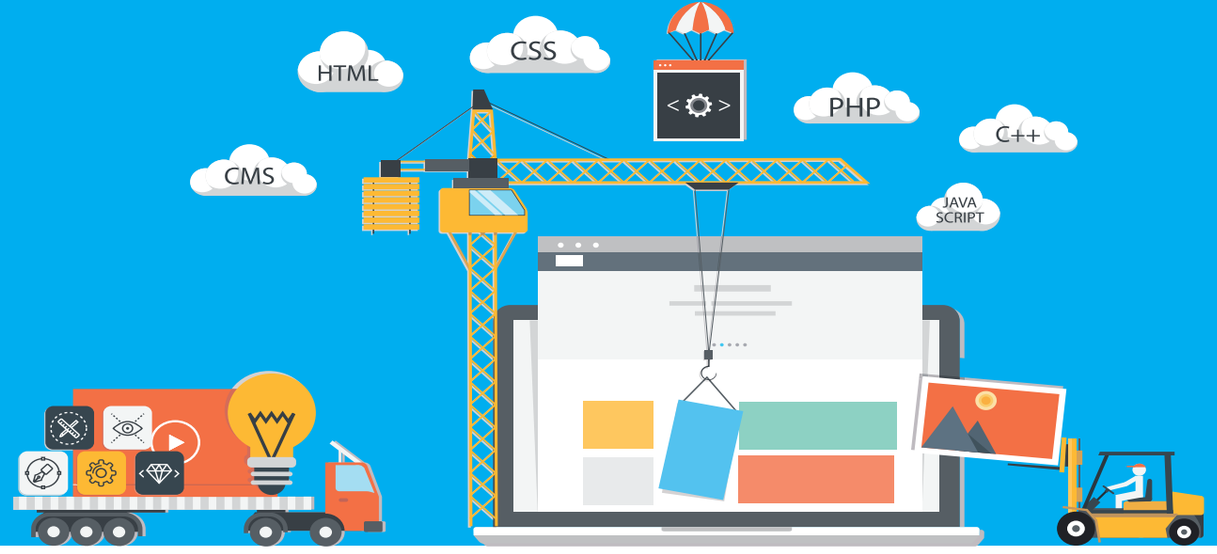

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SUNDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 12

CHOICE

Elton John

Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song (ITV, 9pm)

For a fan of the piano man, choosing your favourite song from his back catalogue is like being asked to pick your favourite child. Where does one even begin with such a task? How do you devise a shortlist, discarding potential classics along the way? Whatever the answer, ITV has attempted to make us do just that, and now it's revealing the results of a nationwide poll to unearth the 20 most popular of Elton's tunes. But what will make it to the top of the list? Candle in the Wind is perhaps his most famous work, particularly because it was revamped by him and lyricist Bernie Taupin following Princess Diana's death, but there are plenty to more to go at.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.20** Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. **12.30** Women at War: 100 Years of Service. **1.30** BBC News; Weather. **1.45** Flog It! (R) **2.05 Film:** War Horse. (2011) First World War drama, starring Jeremy Irvine. **4.20** Songs of Praise. **4.55** Blue Planet II. (R) **5.55** BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme.

6.20 Countryfile. A special episode for Remembrance Sunday, in which Ellie Harrison discovers how a rural environment can be therapeutic for servicemen and women returning from conflict. She also investigates the vital role played by female canal workers during the Second World War, where Adam Henson visits a school that is teaching farming skills to transform students' lives.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing – The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's viewers' votes, and another couple leaves the contest.

8.00 Blue Planet II. Creatures that live on coral reefs, including groupers, small predators that scientists believe are as intelligent as chimpanzees. These creatures have a remarkable aptitude for communication to the point where they can interact with other species including octopi and work together to catch prey. Plus, footage of a vast spawning event involving several different species of fish, coral and invertebrates, and time-lapse photography of coral polyps growing and dying, creating a structure visible from space.

9.00 Howards End. New series. Period drama based on EM Forster's novel about the lives of three English families at the beginning of the 20th century.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football And Me. The former England international looks into the potential link between football and dementia, examining some of the latest scientific evidence from British researchers.

11.30 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game.

12.05 Ronny Chieng: International Student. **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.50** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.35** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Live Rugby League World Cup. **1.00** International Rugby Union. (R) **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Coverage of the afternoon session on day one from The O2 in London. **4.30** Cycling: Track Cycling World Cup. Live coverage of the third and final day from Manchester.

6.00 Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. David Dimbleby presents highlights of the service from Whitehall, attended by the Prince of Wales.

7.00 Big Life Fix: Children in Need Special. One-off special in which Simon Reeve is joined by leading engineers and designers to invent life-changing solutions for three children with severe disabilities. Eight-year-old Josh was born completely blind, a condition that prevents him playing in with his classmates at break time. Eight-year-old Ayala, who has cerebral palsy, would love to play with her twin sister on an equal footing, and 10-year-old Aman struggles with poor memory after suffering brain damage in a car accident. Can the experts help her and the other children improve their lives? (R)

8.00 Robot Wars. An experienced contestant returns to defend his legacy in the fourth heat, battling alongside five other contenders through a series of group battles and knock-out rounds.

9.00 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids. Louis travels to San Francisco, where he spends time with children who are undergoing gender-reassignment treatment at UCSF Hospital's Child and Adolescent Gender Centre. (R)

10.00 Snowfall. Teddy is given once last chance to put things right, Franklin's uncle introduces him to a potential mentor, and Oso and Lucia go in search of a new business partner.

10.45 Mock the Week. Ed Gamble, Milton Jones, Miles Jupp, Nish Kumar and Felicity Ward join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)

11.15 Rugby League World Cup. Action from the day's final group-stage games.

12.15 Film: The Human Factor. (1979) **2.10** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.10** Holby City. (R) **4.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Make It Pop. (R) **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey. (1993) **11.25** Tipping Point. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The X Factor Live. (R) **1.55** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.00** Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply. (R) **5.00** Sheridan. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Martin Roberts, Tracy Edwards, Debbie McGee and Duncan James answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

7.30 The X Factor Live. The third weekend of live shows concludes, with the remaining acts competing to impress the judges and audience and maintain their place in the show. The most popular act of the weekend will win a special prize that money cannot buy. Presented by Dermot O'Leary.

9.00 Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song. A countdown of the singer's 20 most popular songs, chosen by ITV viewers to celebrate his 70th birthday. Elton discusses the stories behind the tracks in a candid conversation with David Walliams, while celebrity fans and friends reveal what their favourite numbers mean to them. With contributions from Ed Sheeran, Annie Lennox, Stephen Fry and Elton's longtime songwriting partner Bernie Taupin.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera. Alastair Stewart presents a second selection of extraordinary footage. (R)

11.45 Play to the Whistle. Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show, in which two teams go head to head in quizzes and physical games. (R)

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kevin Can Wait. **6.25** Kevin Can Wait. **6.50** Kevin Can Wait. **7.15** Frasier. (R) **7.40** Frasier. (R) **8.05** The Simpsons. (R) **8.30** The Simpsons. (R) **9.00** The Simpsons. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Simpsons Day. (R) **12.55** Simpsons Day. (R) **1.25** Simpsons Day. (R) **1.55** Simpsons Day. (R) **2.20** Simpsons Day. (R) **2.50** Simpsons Day. (R) **3.20** Simpsons Day. (R) **3.50** Simpsons Day. (R) **4.15** Simpsons Day. (R) **4.45 Film:** Men in Black. (1997) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain's Forgotten Army. Documentary about the thousands of Chinese workers who supported Allied forces in the First World War by digging trenches, maintaining vehicles and dismantling unexploded bombs, but whose vital work went largely unrecognised. The programme uses recently discovered letters, diaries and documents to explore the experiences of this workforce, and features contributions from their living descendants.

8.00 The Queen's Favourite Animals. Documentary about the queen's love of animals, from the corgis that have been her lifelong companions to thoroughbred racehorses. The programme features contributions from childhood friends and jockeys who rode her horses to victory, and examines how the queen gained a respected reputation as a champion breeder of not just dogs and horses, but highland cattle.

9.00 Big Ben: Saving the World's Most Famous Clock. Documentary about restoration work on the iconic clock tower, which will see the bells silenced for the next four years. Anna Keay, Director of Landmark Trust, goes behind the scenes on this massive project, and talks to Parliament's principal architect and the three clockmakers who have the challenging task of taking the gigantic mechanism apart for the first time in nearly 160 years.

10.30 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 19th and penultimate round of the season, which took place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo.

12.45 Film: Life on the Limit. (2013) **2.45** The Supervet. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.35** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.00** 5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday. **11.05 Film:** Let It Snow. (2013) **12.50 Film:** On Strike for Christmas. (2010) Drama, starring Daphne Zuniga. **2.30 Film:** Just in Time for Christmas. (2015) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Eloise Mumford and Michael Stahl-David. **4.20 Film:** Northpole. (2014) Premiere. Christmas fantasy, starring Tiffani Thiessen. **5.25** 5 News Update. **5.30 Film:** Northpole. (2014) Concluded.

6.10 Film: Deck the Halls. (2006) Two neighbours feud over who has the best Christmas lights and end up resorting to desperate measures to outdo each other. Comedy, starring Danny DeVito.

7.10 5 News Update.

7.15 Film: Deck the Halls. (2006) Concluded.

8.00 Rugby on 5: Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights. Action from the matchday two pool fixtures, which included Ospreys v Wasps, Northampton Saints v Dragons and Scarlets v Exeter Chiefs.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 MTV EMA 2017: London. Live coverage of the 24th MTV European Music Awards from Wembley Arena. Rita Ora hosts the show, which features performances by Stormzy, Kesha, the Killers, Demi Lovato, Shawn Mendes, Liam Payne, Travis Scott and Luis Fonsi. Nominees include Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Foo Fighters and Rag 'n' Bone Man, while Natalie Dormer, Madison Beer and Sabrina Carpenter are among the stars presenting awards.

10.55 Before They Were Stars. (R)

12.50 Lip Sync Battle UK: Carol Vorderman v Martin Kemp. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Another Cinderella Story. (2008) **4.40** Access. **4.55** Great Artists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Hedd Wyn: The Lost War Poet **9.00** Shark **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Horizon: Strange Signals from Outer Space! **11.30** I Was There: The Great War Interviews **12.30** War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme **2.00** Balletboyz – Young Men **3.00** Shark **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.00 The X Factor Live **12.20** Take Me Out **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.10 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **3.50 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **5.50 Film:** Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55 Film:** Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) **8.00 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **10.15** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **12.40 Film:** The Nutty Professor (1996) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.50 Film:** The Nutty Professor (1996) **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.50 Heidi **2.55 Film:** Columbo: The Conspirators (1978) **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Syndicate **10.10** Honest **11.10 Film:** Chicago (2002) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** Chicago (2002) **1.25** The Knock **2.20** Mr Selfridge **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.45** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.45 Storage Wars **12.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live. The opening session of the final at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry. **5.15** The Car Chasers **5.40** The Sweeney **6.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live. The second session of the final at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry. **11.15 Film:** Gascoigne (2015) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Gascoigne (2015)

E4

11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Super Hero Day **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** Gogglebox

Film4

11.00 Holiday Inn (1941) **1.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **2.40** Carry On Regardless (1961) **4.30** Hugo (2011) **6.55** Tomorrow, When the War Began (2010) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) **11.45** Priest (2011) **1.30** Storage 24 (2012) **3.20** Close

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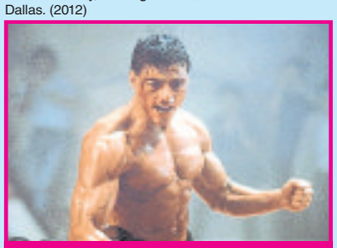
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Kickboxer, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A martial arts student witnesses his brother being brutally defeated in the ring by a Thai champion in a fight that leaves him paralysed. Vowing revenge, he seeks out the help of a reclusive master, under whose tutelage he hones his skills until he is ready to confront his enemy. Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Alexio and Haskell V Anderson. (1989)

TUESDAY
Naughty or Nice, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A woman is accidentally given a magic book used by Santa Claus to find out which children have been bad and good. She uses its power to expose the wicked deeds of those around her, but ends up learning more than she would like, getting into conflict with her neighbours and uncovering her boyfriend's secrets. Festive fantasy, starring Hilarie Burton and Matt Dallas. (2012)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WEDNESDAY
Christmas Confessions, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A struggling actress who moved to New York to pursue her dreams returns to the small town she escaped years before for the festive season, where a romance with an old acquaintance shows her that the life she left behind may be better than Broadway. Romance, starring Sarah Lancaster. (2015)

THURSDAY
Angels and Ornaments, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A model of a carol singer hanging from a lovelorn musician's Christmas tree comes to life in the build-up to the festive season. The living ornament decides to help his owner put a recent break-up behind her by matchmaking her with a childhood friend. Romantic fantasy, starring Jessalyn Gilsig. (2014)

FRIDAY
The Chronicles of Riddick, ITV, 10.40pm
Fugitive Riddick evades capture by bounty hunters and steals their spacecraft, only to run into an even bigger threat – fanatical cult members on a sinister mission to kill or convert anyone who crosses their path. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Vin Diesel. (2004)

Legitimate Tommy struggles to leave the past behind

Whether it being buried alive by a wartime tunnel collapse or beaten to within a inch of his life by Father Hughes' hired muscle, Tommy Shelby has found himself in plenty of tight spots.

However, the Birmingham crime boss might just have bitten off more than he can chew as Steven Knight's acclaimed saga Peaky Blinders returns for a fourth series.

Cillian Murphy, who plays Tommy, said of the new action-packed run: "In the classic gangster arc, the last season was sort of all about the wealth, the house and all that material stuff. This season is sort of a return to the roots."

At the end of the last series, set in 1924, we saw Tommy at what Knight has called the character's "most nihilistic."

Having ascended into high society from his humble beginnings in Small Heath, Tommy seemingly threw his own family under the proverbial bus of the law for the criminal acts he made in the effort to save his captured young son.

Every Shelby except Tommy was arrested at the leader's luxurious countryside manor after they defied the Russians in a jewel heist and blew up a train.

Whether or not they have all wriggled out of the charges will become clear, as the new series begins in December 1925.

Thomas Shelby OBE has now acquired unprecedented legitimacy – but the gangster is a lonely man, estranged from his family and focused on business.

However, when he receives a mysterious letter on Christmas Eve, he realises that his loved-ones and his empire are in danger of annihilation.

As the enemy closes in, Tommy flees his country house and returns to the only safe place he knows: Small Heath, the slum where he grew up.

Facing a more determined and sophisticated threat than ever before, the Shelbys must put differences aside, take up arms and fight for survival.

So far, we know little of this new danger other than it is a new criminal organisation "of a different dimension," headed by a ruthless crime boss (Adrien Brody), and according to Knight, it will represent the Shelbys' "biggest threat" in the saga to date.

Knight is thrilled to have Oscar-winner Brody on board as the story develops. He says: "Adrien genuinely was the actor in my head when I wrote the part. I'm sure he will be a formidable presence."

Other new cast members this time around include Aidan Gillen (Game of Thrones) and Charlie Murphy (Happy Valley), who will be joining the likes of Murphy, Helen McCrory, Tom Hardy and Charlotte Riley.

Knight adds: "We have a dream team gathered for series four, coming to us for love of the show, which is great.

"Adrien Brody, Aidan Gillen and Charlie Murphy give us a wealth of talent to work with, and with Tom Hardy and Charlotte Riley returning we couldn't have hoped for more."

PICK OF THE WEEK

Cillian Murphy stars in Peaky Blinders, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Children in Need Rocks the 80s
BBC1, 8.30pm
The first Children in Need telethon was broadcast in 1980 – and now the charity is going back to that decade with a star-studded concert at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Fearne Cotton and Sara Cox introduce performances by acts including A-ha, Bananarama, Boy George, Erasure, Europe, Imagination featuring Leee John, Jason Donovan, Mica Paris, Nick Heyward, OMD and UB40 featuring Ali, Astro and Mickey. And for the younger viewers, there's X Factor winner Louisa Johnson, who will be getting into the Eighties spirit even though she wasn't born until 1998. As well as hearing some much-loved tunes, we'll also be getting all the backstage gossip from Roman Kemp – and a few reminders of how Children in Need has been changing young people's lives for 37 years.

TUESDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
England v Brazil (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the friendly encounter, which takes place at Wembley Stadium, as Gareth Southgate's men continue their preparations for next summer's World Cup in Russia. These sides last met back in June 2013 when an entertaining match – the first to be held at the renovated Maracana in Rio de Janeiro – finished 2-2. The teams had also played each other earlier on that year at Wembley, when goals from Wayne Rooney and Frank Lampard gave the Three Lions their first victory over Brazil since March 1990. With analysis from Lee Dixon, Ryan Giggs and Ian Wright, and commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle.

WEDNESDAY
DIY SOS: The Million Pound Build for Children in Need
BBC1, 8pm
The DIY SOS team descend on Swansea to tackle one of their biggest challenges to date, as they build a centre and supported housing for young people in care and leaving care. This special programme also shares the stories from some of Wales' most vulnerable young people as well as the founder of the Roots Foundation Wales, a charity that supports young people in and leaving care. The team, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, build a bespoke new centre and transitional flats from the ground up for Roots, a charity, part-funded by BBC Children in Need despite storms and a tight 11-day build schedule.

Children in Need 2017, Friday, BBC1, 7.30pm

THURSDAY
Love, Lies and Records
BBC1, 9pm
Births, deaths and marriages – it's all in a day's work for registrars. So, no wonder Kay Mellor, the writer who brought us Fat Friends and In the Club, thought a register office would make the perfect setting for a six-part drama series. Ashley Jensen leads the cast as Kate Dickenson, who is anxious about her colleagues' reaction to the news that she's about to be promoted to Superintendent – although she doesn't anticipate her fellow registrar James making a big announcement of his own or a disgruntled co-worker threatening to expose a dark secret from her past. Just to add to the pressure, Kate is dealing with problems at home, not to mention her concerns about an upcoming wedding where the bride and groom don't appear to speak the same language.

FRIDAY
Children in Need 2017
BBC1, 7.30pm
It's that time of the year again when the nation's celebrities urge us to dig deep for a good cause. This year's fundraising extravaganza is hosted by Tess Daly, Graham Norton, Mel Giedroyc, Ade Adepitan, Rochelle and Marvin Humes, and there are plenty of other stars pitching in as well. The highlights include former and current Blue Peter presenters taking part in a special edition of Strictly Come Dancing, while judge Craig Revel Horwood also crops up as Miss Hannigan with the West End cast of Annie. However, even Miss Hannigan will struggle to compete with the evening's other Queen of Mean, Anne Robinson, who returns to host a star-studded round of The Weakest Link. There's also a musical interlude courtesy of the EastEnders, while the Countryfile team swap their wellies for cowboy boots.

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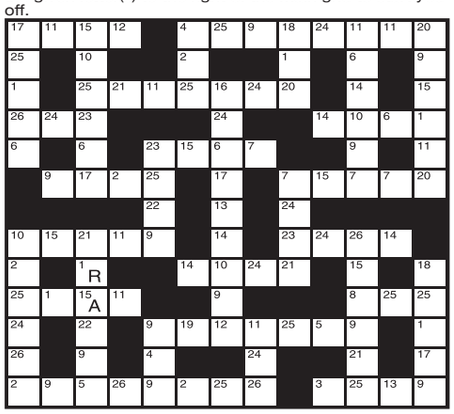

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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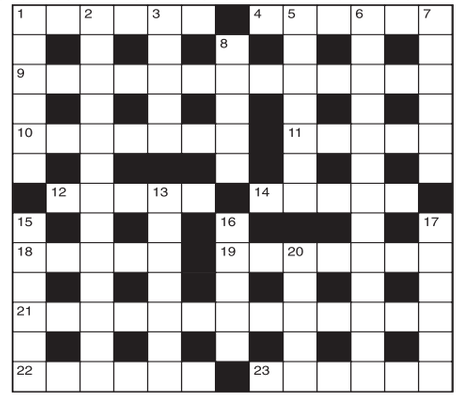
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Woollen material for a head-dress the French sent back (6)
4. They are used for securing a body of sailors in the ship (6)
9. Properly managed, like a successful orchestra (4-9)
10. Regarding a kind of glass (7)
11. It's routine for the sailor to be included in strike (5)
12. See 2 Down.
14. A prison in a state of agitation (5)
18. One in dole confusion reduced the friction (5)
19. Water container for one who puts up a tent (7)
21. Country clothes? (8,5)
22. Skewers, we hear, for pieces of meat (6)
23. Criticises what may be used for house cover (6)

Down

1. In addition, a toff! (2,4)
2. & 12Ac. Use every device when playing the organ! (4,3,3,3,5)
3. Plants displaying a bit of xerophytic activity (5)
5. Puts in a form of words - they are used for lying (7)
6. Number of staff allowed for the household (13)
7. Awkwardly seated but staidly composed (6)
8. At home, I leave Jones, the architect (5)
13. Grazing land providing something soft near the harbour (7)
15. Spikes will cause a broken piston (6)
16. Use a rose for a cluster of flowers (5)
17. Decisive events will produce an increase in the Civil Service (6)
20. Currently variable (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Cotton cloth (6)
4. Impede (6)
9. Holding irrational beliefs (13)
10. Friendly (7)
11. Christmas hymn (5)
12. Adhere (5)
14. Stanza (5)
18. Plunder (5)
19. Answered (7)
21. Unsuitable (13)
22. Stretch (6)
23. Abandon (6)

Down

1. Careless (6)
2. Actually (2,5,2,4)
3. Pulsate (5)
5. Object (7)
6. Defer action (13)
7. Outcome (6)
8. Scatter (5)
13. Make less expensive (7)
15. Achieve success (6)
16. Earlier (5)
17. Coming (6)
20. Cleanse (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Out of service; 7 Sided; 8 Incur; 9 Use; 10 Chameleon; 11 Petard; 12 Gemini; 15 Hard lines; 17 Lac; 18 Amuse; 19 Ivory; 21 Person of note. Down: 1 One jump ahead; 2 Fed; 3 Endear; 4 Voiceless; 5 Cache; 6 Frankincense; 7 Sheet; 10 Carollers; 13 Inlay; 14 Ensign; 16 Rouse; 20 Off.
QUICK - Across: 1 Straight away; 7 Swell; 8 Preen; 9 Tie; 10 Propagate; 11 Option; 12 Limpid; 15 Inspiring; 17 Arc; 18 Globe; 19 Haven; 21 Protestation.
Down: 1 Shortcomings; 2 Ire; 3 Hollow; 4 Appealing; 5 Arena; 6 Interdiction; 7 Sweet; 10 Prominent; 13 Plain; 14 Sights; 16 Spoor; 20 Via.

Quiz

1. On which island is Tokyo?
2. Which South American revolutionary was known as The Liberator?
3. Who formed the Free French in the UK in WW2?
4. Which Gothic horror story is subtitled The Modern Prometheus?
5. Which OT prophet was carried to heaven in a fiery chariot?
6. For which fish is Canada's Fraser River famous?
7. With which football team did multi-millionaire Sir Jack Hayward enjoy a long association?
8. In Scandinavian mythology, who were the three goddesses of fate?
9. In which country is the yuan the standard monetary unit?
10. Which peninsula contains much of Denmark?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Mole; 2 Sir Henry Morgan; 3 Russia; 4 Methodism; 5 Achilles; 6 Hamilton; 7 Dog; 8 Basketball; 9 The Loch Ness Monster; 10 Selective breeding.

Niner: SYNCOPATE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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423 gives a second family member,
7538 gives a third family member.

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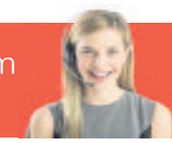

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Outside there is an enclosed rear garden with a paved patio seating area, a driveway and garage.

In more detail the entrance hall has the guest WC off. The lounge has a window to the front, a feature fireplace and an open aspect to the dining room and stairs to the first floor.

The dining room has patio doors opening out to the rear garden and a door to the kitchen and a storage cupboard. Having a window to the rear, the kitchen has wall, base and drawer units, a work surface over, an inset single drainer sink, ample appliance space and a glazed door to garden.

Upstairs, the landing has a hatch to the loft. The master bedroom has a window to the front. Bedroom two also has a window to the front. Bedrooms three and four are positioned to the rear of the property.

The bathroom has a window to the side elevation, and a suite of a panelled bath with a shower over, pedestal sink, low level WC and tiling to bathing areas.

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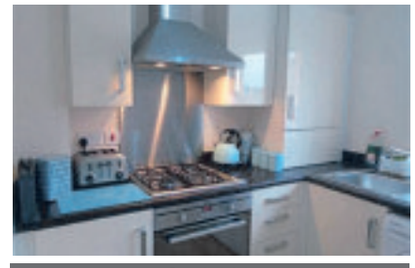

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HEDNESFORD
PYE GREEN ROAD
NEW PRICE

- A unique and spacious 4 bedroom
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Study, games room
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Additional loft room
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

£299,950

WIMBLEBURY
KEYS PARK ROAD
NEW PRICE

- Surberb Family Home
- Four Bedroom, Master with ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Guest WC, Study
- Stunning Kithen Diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory,Double Garage
- EPC rating D

£299,950

HEDNESFORD
CHAFFINCH CLOSE

- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

CANNOCK
GAELIC ROAD

- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£127,000

CANNOCK
ST AIDANS ROAD

- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

- A modern one bedroom apartment
- Double glazed and electric heating
- Modern open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal investment
- EPC rating B

£79,950

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE

- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£205,000

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£134,950

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

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Don't panic plea on base rate rise

The base rate rise is a new experience for the estimated 2.6 million homeowners who have only ever seen static or falling rates after getting on the property ladder in the past decade.

Years of low rates mean mortgage costs have reached record lows but in recent weeks, there have been signs of mortgage costs edging up as speculation over a possible base rate rise mounted.

When setting mortgage rates, lenders take the base rate into account as well as other factors, such as a lender's own borrowing costs.

Whether or not a home-owner sees an immediate impact from the base rate rise also depends on what type of deal they are on.

Property expert Sarah Beeny said people who have become homeowners in the past decade and have never had to deal with the impact of a base rate rise on their mortgage costs should not panic.

Offering reassurance to aspiring first-time buyers, Rachel Springall, of Moneyfacts.co.uk, said: "Those hoping to get onto the property ladder shouldn't be too disheartened by a rate rise as they still have an abundance of deals to choose from in the market for various deposits. They will, however, need to reassess their finances, as a more expensive mortgage will eat into their monthly income."

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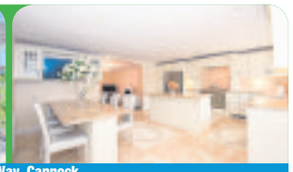

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000

Turquoise Grove, Heath Hayes

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION
- GARAGE
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDEN
- CONSERVATORY
- MODERN KITCHEN

£265,000

Rowan Road, Shoal Hill

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN / DINER
- STUDY & DOWNSTAIRS WC
- DESIRABLE ROAD
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

210,000

Wallace Close, Norton Canes

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£170,000

Price Street, Cannock

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- STUNNING OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DRIVEWAY & GARDENS
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- MUST BE VIEWED

£155,000

Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

- TWO BEDROOM SEMI
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- GOOD SIZE DRIVEWAY
- EXTENDED MODERN KITCHEN
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- BATHROOM & EN-SUITE SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING

£140,000

Woottons Court, Cannock

- CLOSE TO CANNOCK TOWN
- MODERN MID TERRACE
- ELECTRIC HEATING
- TWO BEDROOMS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- DOWNSTAIRS WC

£120,000

Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment Purchase
- Sapcious Lounge

£117,500

Primrose Meadow, Heath Hayes

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Similar Properties Required

Tower View Road, Great Wyrley

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS LONG LEASE
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE / DINER
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- IDEAL BUY TO LET RENTAL (RENT £475)
- LONG LEASE

£75,000

Paget Mews, Anglesey Street, Hednedford

- ONE BED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- CLOSE TO HEDNESFORD TOWN
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- ELECTRIC HEATING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION

£65,000

Woodford End, Chadsmoor

- Modern Style Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Buy To Let Investment
- Ground Floor
- Communal Parking
- EPC - C

£59,950

Eagleworks Drive, Walsall

- Third floor apartment
- Open plan lounge
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms (master with en-suite)
- Main bathroom
- Secure entry system

£475pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Coppice Court, Walsall Wood

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
- One double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating
- Gated parking

£450pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Redhill Road, Cannock

- Detached bungalow
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- One double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gated driveway
- Available now

£525pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Bank House, Mill Street

- First floor apartment
- Recently refurbished
- Two bedeooms
- Shower room
- Parking
- Available now

£590pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Watermint Close, Wimblebury

- Modern detached house
- Breakfast kitchen
- Spacious lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Available Nov 2017

£825pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Pheasant Way, Cannock

- Modern town house
- Entrance hall
- Lounge/diner
- Guest cloak room
- Garage and off road parking
- Four bedrooms

£900pcm sorry no DSS and no pets

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8 COLLIERS WAY, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Offering Accomodation On Three Floors located In Popular Position

- Reception hall & cloakroom with Wc
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two first floor bedrooms and ensuite shower room
- Two second floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (79)

£210,000 FREEHOLD

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Vestibule
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- Five bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£385,000 FREEHOLD

37 KINGSLAND CLOSE, STONE

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area With Views Over Open Farm Land To Rear

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- EPC rating D (68)

£147,500 FREEHOLD

12 JUBILEE CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

52 MILL CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES

END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING TWO BEDROOMS Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Access to Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

104 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

AN EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE Located In Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Guest cloakroom with WC
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Two UPVC double glazed conservatories
- Four first floor bedrooms & family bathroom
- Second floor bedroom & ensuite bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Integral garage (limited width) & large gardens
- EPC rating D (64)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

8 HANNAFORD WAY, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLATLocated In Popular Position For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Entrance lobby & landing
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower
- Separate toilet
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (70)

£96,950

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

21 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD

EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH SECURE SIDE GATED DDRIVE/ PARKING AREA Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient for Facilities at Hednesford Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Garage and secure side gated drive
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Cloakroom and first floor study
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom and 2 ensuites
- Garage and landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£310,000

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£143,950

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

£219,000 FREEHOLD

1 PARK VIEW COURT, OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Fuly double glazed
- Electric heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating D (66)

£159,950

18 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW OCCIPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford and Cannock Centre

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Detached garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

SPINNERS, 3 MISS PICKERINGS FIELD, ACTON TRUSSELL

ATTRACTIVE WELL MAINTAINED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Situated In The Quiet Cul-De-Sac Of Miss Pickerings Field Overlooking Landscaped Public Open Space In The Heart Of This Much Sought After Award Winning South Stafford Village Of Acton Trussell

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom and ensuite
- Built on double width garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (65)

£375,000 FREEHOLD

33 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Adjoining Open Space/Nature Reserve with Facilities Available at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

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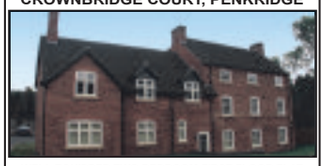
FLAT 4 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Development Close To Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: E (42)

£750pcm

3 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM BARN CONVERSIONSituated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Entrance hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (78)

£695pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

6 ST MARYS CLOSE, SHARESHILL

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In The Sought After Village Of Shareshill

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Study/family room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or Smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£675pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilties

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Elecric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Refitted extended breakfast kitchen
- Lounge/dining area
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (64)

£650pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

12 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOUSE Convenient For Town Centre And Train Station

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£525pcm

26 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Verandah
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (41)

£675pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

THE BARN, OFF CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

CHARACTERFUL THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Located In A Most Convenient Position Within This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom three/study
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sory no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£850pcm

APARTMENT 9 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & bathroom
- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£550pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (71)

£550pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner Hall
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm

20 HAYMAKER WAY, WIMBLEBURY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£695pcm

34 CHASELEY AVENUE, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Cul-de-sac In Sought After Shoal Hill Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£625pcm

7 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Semi detached garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (73)

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£250,000

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£245,000

Bond Way
HEDNESFORD

MUST BE VIEWED ●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●/ Four bedroom detached house set within a quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway with parking for three-four vehicles / Large well appointed luxury bathroom

Offers in the Region Of £225,000

Woodfield Drive
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom link detached bungalow / End of a quiet cul-de-sac / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge / Charming private rear garden / Garage and a driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£220,000

Railway Street
NORTON CANES

Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear

Offers in the Region Of £210,000

The Lindens
RUGELEY

Well presented three bedroom town house / Situated down quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Set over three storeys / Modern open plan dining kitchen / Top floor master

Offers in Excess of £185,000

Elizabeth Road
CANNOCK

Three bedroom detached house set on a modern development./ Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen, bathroom, en-suite and guest w/c

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Fieldhouse Road
HEDNESFORD

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge & sitting room / Conservatory overlooking charming landscaped rear garden / Superb hot tub room

£160,000

Fieldhouse Road
HEDNESFORD

Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Good sized bedrooms / Charming private rear garden with a superb games room/bar

£159,995

Broadmeadow Lane
GREAT WYRLEY

Extremely well presented two bedroom end terrace house / Superb spacious open plan lounge-diner / Delightful conservatory / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen and bathroom

£155,000

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD

Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and Sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

£150,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD

Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / ●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●● / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom traditional terraced house / Spacious lounge and open plan dining kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for three vehicles / Potential for a loft

£140,000

Brooklyn Road
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom semi detached house / Set down quiet cul-de-sac

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Whitby Way
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set on large corner plot / With front, rear & side gardens / Spacious lounge & kitchen-diner / Modern fitted shower room & driveway

Offers in Excess of £125,000

Middleway
RAWNSLEY

Three bedroom semi detached house / Peaceful semi rural location with a quiet green to the side / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Private

£120,000

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Lounge	EPC B

St Johns Road, Cannock

Offers Around £75,000

First Floor Flat	Allocated Parking
One Bedroom	Long Lease
Exceptionally Presented	EPC C

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

Offers Over £90,000

Ground Floor Flat	Gated Access
Two Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Newly Refurbished	EPC C

Mountside Street, Hednesford

REDUCED

Offers Around £127,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Large Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

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Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen/Diner	EPC D

Eden Close, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £170,000

Link Detached Property	Garage
Three Bedrooms	In Need of Modernisation
Kitchen / Diner	Awaiting EPC

School Road, Norton Canes

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

Far Lady Croft, Armitage

NEW

Offers Around £199,950

Town House Property	Fitted Kitchen
Four Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC B

River View, Penkridge

Offers Around £195,000

New Build	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

Fremantle Drive, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £220,000

Detached Property	Conservatory
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Three Reception Rooms	Awaiting EPC

The Leas, Featherstone

REDUCED

Offers Around £229,995

Semi Detached Property	Off Road Parking
Five Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Utility Room	EPC D

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

Offers Around £260,000

Detached Property	Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
Four Bedrooms	No Chain
Ample Off Road Parking	EPC D

Triangle View, Burntwood

Offers Around £295,000

Detached Property	Ample Parking and Garage
Four Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Family Bathroom and En Suite	

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- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

425 pcm

MORETON STREET, CANNOCK

- 1Bed GFF
- Lounge/Dining room
- Sower room
- DG/GCH
- Off Road Parking

£440 pcm

STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed FFF
- Lounge/Diner
- GCJH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS/Pets

£450 pcm

NEW STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- Two Bed Semi
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility Room/WC
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

£475 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating/ DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal

£490 pcm

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Flat
- Town Centre
- Spacious
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS or Pets

£500 pcm

HOBART ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed End
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, GCH, DG
- Bathroom & WC
- Gardens, Garage

£525 pcm

CHAPEL SQUARE, CHESLYN HAY

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Courtyard
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£530 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/

£550 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG, Gardens
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£600 pcm

DAVY PLACE, RUGELEY

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Guest WC
- Gardens
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£595.00

JOHNSON CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Thee Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Parking
- EPC Pending

£595 pcm

PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- 3Bed End town House
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating D

£675 pcm

GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Driveway

£700 pcm

SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

- An Newly Built Executive Detached House
- Stylish Contemporty Design Throughout
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- NO CHAIN, SOLAR PANELS

£299,950

HORSESHOE DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- Four bedroom detached
- Guest WC
- Spacious family lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Two en-suite bedrooms with two further bedrooms
- Single garage with block paved driveway
- Front and private rear gardens

£270,000

FORGE CLOSE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached home
- Spacious longe
- Impressive kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Front and rear garden
- Benefits from SOLAR PANELS

£220,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

CORSICAN DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Detached Family Home Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£215,000

WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE

- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Hall/ Dining Room, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

OPEN WEEKEND SAT 11TH & SUN 12TH NOVEMBER 11AM - 1PM

- A Beautiful Traditional Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Porch & Hall, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner, Veranda
- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Delightful Rear Gardens, Driveway

OFFERS OVER £200,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/ Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

OFFERS OVER £185,000

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

Offers Over £180,000

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Garage &Driveway

£165,000

BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Offers Over £150,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

OIEO £110,000

UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ground floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing

£105,995

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
- Open- Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

OFFERS OVER £86,000

VINE COURT, CANNOCK

- Third floor retirement apartment
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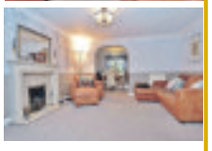


WINDSOR CLOSE, RUGELEY

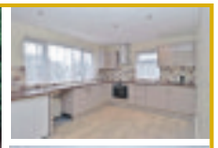
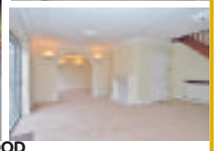
Viewing of this well presented family home is essential to appreciate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms (originally built as a Four) having Dressing Room and Ensuite to Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£249,950

ARMITAGE ROAD RUGELEY

A delightful traditional detached property within walking distance to the town centre. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom/Utility Room, Downstairs Bedroom with Ensuite Shower. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to side and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating E

£260,000

COLEY GROVE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

A three bedroomed dormer bungalow located in the popular village of Little Haywood. UPVC double-glazed and Oil Fired central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bedroom and Downstairs Bathroom. Landing with Two Bedrooms. Gardens to front and rear with Driveway and Garage to side. EPC rating F

£239,995

FRANK ROGERS WALK RUGELEY

A one bedroomed semi-detached bungalow positioned within walking distance to the local shops and amenities. UPVC double-glazed and Electric storage heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Study and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. Parking to rear. EPC Rating D

£105,000

HISLOP ROAD RUGELEY

A modern detached bungalow benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Low maintenance garden to rear. Gated driveway to rear. EPC Rating C

£125,000

BRAMBLE WAY ETCHINGHILL

In need of further upgrade but positioned in a popular cul-de-sac position is this two bedroomed link-detached bungalow. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. COVERED CARPORT. EPC rating E

£179,950

GREENFIELDS DRIVE RUGELEY

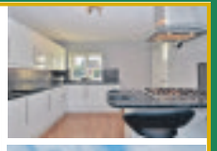
A well presented two bedroomed semi-detached bungalow within walking distance to local amenities offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed throughout. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Two Bedrooms and Wet Room. Detached Garage.. EPC rating D

£159,995

COALPIT LANE BRERETON

A spacious three bedroomed detached bungalow on corner plot. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Ample off-road parking leading to DOUBLE GARAGES. EPC rating E

£275,000



WEST BUTTS ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

A detached family home within walking distance to Cannock Chase. Reception Hall, W.C, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. Landing with Master Bedroom having a Dressing Area and Ensuite. Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Ample off-road parking. Good sized private gardens to rear. EPC Rating D

£399,950

DELAFIELD WAY ETCHINGHILL

A well presented three bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating . Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen/ Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport with Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - E

£179,995

BISHTON HOUSE, ADMASTON

Offering spacious accommodation throughout this delightfully converted mews house is unusual in its design as it is set out with the bedrooms to the ground floor enabling the owners to appreciate the far reaching views over the open countryside from the first floor reception rooms. Originally part of the Blithfield Estate. EPC RATING - C

£435,000

CAMBRIAN LANE RUGELEY

We presented spacious property with new carpets throughout, comprises of large Entrance Porch, spacious Lounge, Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner with new appliances, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage and off road parking to rear. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D

£595 pcm

PHOENIX CLOSE RUGELEY

Modern Townhouse within walking distance to town centre. Electric Storage Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking. Garden at rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £740

£535 pcm

STAFFORD ROAD CANNOCK

Spacious semi detached property. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with range cooker, Dining Room, Utility area and W.C, Conservatory. Three Bedrooms and re-fitted Shower Room. Large garden with access to storage area and Garage at rear. NO DSS, SMOKERS or PETS. EPC Rating E
DEPOSIT £900

£650 pcm

FERNWOOD DRIVE RUGELEY

Well presented mid terraced property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking to rear. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £747

£540 pcm

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

First floor flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Communal Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bedroom and Shower room. Off street parking. Photos taken April 2016.
NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. DSS CONSIDERED EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £443

£320 pcm

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- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£178,000

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- Spacious Lounge
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- Garage And Driveway
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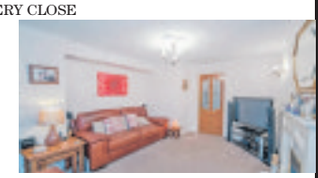

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Well Presented
- Refurbished Family Wet Room
- Driveway And Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£170,000

HEATH HAYES
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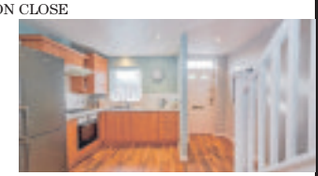

- Modern Three Storey End Terrace
- Private Courtyard
- Master Bedroom
- En-suite Bathroom
- Open Plan Living Area
- Village Location
- Viewing Essential

£165,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
QUINTON AVENUE

- Refurbished Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Modern Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage And Driveway

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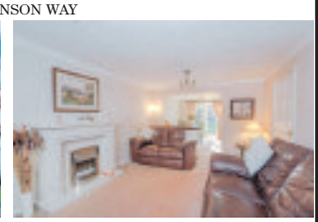
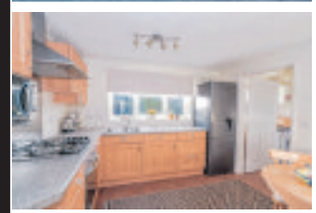

- Detached Family Home
- Popular Location
- Close To Hednesford Town Center
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- En-suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
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- Utility And Guest Wc
- Garage
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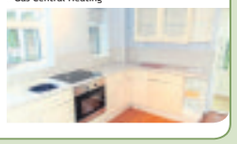

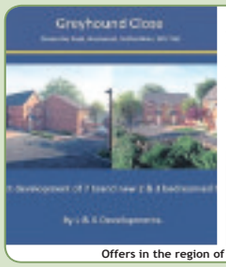

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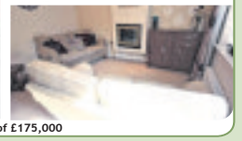

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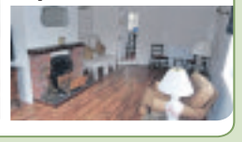
- Village Location



Lower Penkridge Road,Stafford

- ●●GOODCHILDS●●
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C
- KITCHEN
- TWO GARAGES
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING

Hatherton Street,Stafford

- Spacious Terrace
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Lowfields Lane,Stafford

- Spacious Detached House
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
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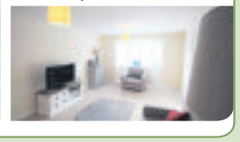

High Street,Stafford

- Grade two listed cottage
- Three bedroom cottage
- Village location
- Driveway to side
- Large kitchen/diner
- Original features
- Downstairs bathroom
- Double glazing

Bayswater Square,Stafford

- ●●Goodchilds●●
- Three Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- En-suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Garden

Peter James Court,Stafford

- Ground Floor Flat
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- Storage Area
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating

Paget Rise,Rugeley

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- SPACIOUS TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM APARTMENT
- LOUNGE/DINER
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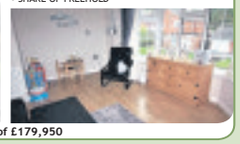
- SHARE OF FREEHOLD



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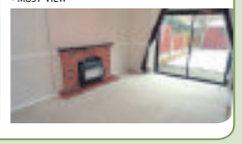

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- Cul-se-sac Location — C

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- Detached Dormer Residence — 5
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- Double Garage
- No Upward Chain — D

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- Superb, contemporary interiors — 1
- Popular location
- Good sized rear garden — D

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BURNTWOOD, NEW PLANT LANE

- Spacious Semi-Detached — 4
- Lounge, Guest W.C. — 2
- Conservatory, Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended — C

Great Wyrley Office - £195,000

WILLENHALL, DURSLEY CLOSE

- Detached family home — 3
- Well presented interiors — 1
- Superb conservatory
- No onward chain

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LICHFIELD, WATLING STREET

- MID TERRACE BUNGALOW — 2
- VILLAGE LOCATION OF WALL — 1
- DRIVEWAY
- NO UPWARD CHAIN — D

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

CHESLYN HAY, LEVESON AVENUE

- Semi-Detached Residence — 3
- Conservatory — 1
- Garage
- No Upward Chain — D

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BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Mid Terraced House — 2
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen — 1
- Guest W.C., Court Yard
- Viewing Highly Recommended — D

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Full of tech and stands out from herd

By Sharon Walters

It's close on a year since the latest update of the hit UK roads Citroën C3 and it quickly garnered success winning several major awards.

Among the trophies on the shelf are Best Small Car 2017 in the Fleet News Awards, Supermini of the Year in the Contract Hire and Leasing.com Awards 2016/2017 and Best Urbanite in the BBC Top Gear Magazine's Nest Cars in the World issue in late 2016.

It was praised for its fresh and adventurous styling inside and out, wrapped in a practical package and with the latest technology.

Plus it won over on its versatility and accessibility with plenty of room and low running costs.

A recent re-visit to the car that has sold more than 3.6 million across the world, and is Citroën's best seller, has confirmed all of that and just a little bit more.

The car is highly customisable, a feature becoming more and important to buyers, with three roof colours to choose from, and nine body colours – that means you get no fewer than 36 exterior colour combinations.

You also get the feature that was at first held in some scepticism by some but now is a big hit, Citroën C3's signature Airbump® panels which really do guard against everyday dents and scrapes, especially against trolleys in supermarket car parks.

Inside you get a choice of three interior finishes, including two optional upgrades – 'Urban' Red and 'Hype' Colorado – with a high quality of finish and trim. It's a very cosy experience but at the same time calm and so stylish.

The seats are comfortable front and rear and

Bold and colourful personality

the panoramic glass sunroof (where fitted) that fills the car with natural light makes the cabin appear much bigger than it actually is. In any event the C3 has one of the most spacious cabins in the supermini sector with plenty of leg and head room, a spacious boot of 300-litres. You also get several generous storage compartments too.

The ConnectedCAM Citroën™ technology made its first appearance in this C3. Featuring a wide-angle HD camera (positioned just behind the rear-view mirror), GPS technology and a 128GB memory, it has two main functions. ConnectedCAM Citroën™ can be used to safely take photos or videos that can be instantly shared via social media using a free app. It also operates as a conventional dashcam in the event of an on-road incident. And how the techies love this feature . . .

With GPS as part of ConnectedCAM Citroën™, the driver can also locate their vehicle when it has been parked in an unfamiliar location. And how many times have we all wasted time searching for a car in a busy town or city or packed car park?

There's a 7-inch colour touchscreen in the

Citroën C3's signature Airbump® panels which really do guard against everyday dents and scrapes

middle of the dashboard that gives intuitive access to all of the main vehicle controls, including CitroënConnect Nav. This latest-generation navigation system is both touch and voice activated. It accesses connected services such as TomTom Traffic to provide live traffic updates, and also highlights known accident blackspots.

MirrorLink® and Apple CarPlay™, a reversing camera and hill-start assist are part of the package and safety-wise features a lane departure warning system, blind-spot monitoring and a driver attention alert.

There's a choice of efficient PureTech petrol and BlueHDi Diesel engines – all of the PureTech petrol engines are versions of the International Engine of the Year winner in 2015 and 2016.

I drove the punchy and responsive S& S PureTech 110 manual (in a vibrant red which meant I was very much 'seen') in top-of-the-tree Flair trim. It's Euro 6 with just 103g/km Co2 emissions and while official fuel figures reckon 61.4mg in a combined cycle, in the real world you can manage around 55mpg, as I did. It also had the Urban Red interior whose highlights inclde a red stripe around the dashboard and red stitching on the cloth coverings. I loved it.

The engine has plenty of torque and quite happily enjoys all sorts of driving conditions. Suspension is comfortable and supple when needed and there is very little noise from either wind or tyre/road rumble. It's calm and quiet experience in the cabin out on the open road.

If you want a car that looks a little different from the herd, is a comfortable drive, with reasonable running costs and price tag, C3 is well worth a test whether as a fleet choice or for the private buyer.

Prices start at £11,935 on-the-road for the entry level Puretech 68 manual in Touch trim.

My test car was £16,685 on-the-road with a package of extras including metallic paint, Citroën Connect box, panoramic glass roof and upgraded alloy wheels taking it up to £18,630.

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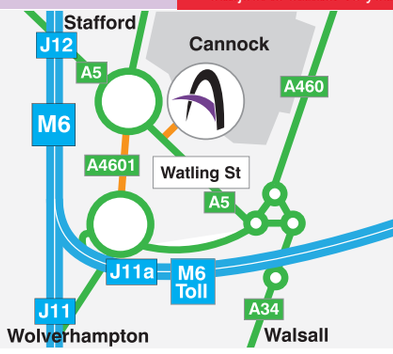

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By Dave Brown

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A chunky five-seat SUV with handsome, imposing looks, it tells other road users: "I'm in charge and I'm not to be messed with."

I've found this to be the case in all sorts of driving environments lately. I'm the last person you would describe as aggressive behind the wheel, dutifully adhering to 70mph speed limits on deserted midnight motorways, and always being ultra-patient with the learner drivers who seem to spend every rush-hour bimbling along the lanest.

But other road users do seem to be somewhat in awe of EG17FKH. Fellow motorway drivers move left even if I'm approaching them from behind only very gradually, and those slow-moving learners do seem to be inclined to turn off if their instructors can see me in their rear-view mirrors. I'm not complaining, of course. If people are moving out of my way – and, true, it could all be in my imagination – it means the Edge is being noticed. And if nothing else, that's excellent news as far as my safety is concerned, as well as that of my passengers.

The Edge has front, rear and side sports bodystyling

So from the outside, yes, the Edge ticks all the boxes, and as well as that general air of dominance, our car stands out for other reasons.

It boasts front, rear and side sports bodystyling with dark exterior detailing, and snazzy 20-inch platinum grey alloy wheels. A rear spoiler helps to make the back view easy on the eye. All good.

Inside, however, I think it's a slightly different story. Sure, everything the driver needs is close at hand, easy to operate, and sensibly laid out.

And the kit list is impressive, including a Sony DAB navigation system with 12 speakers, alloy pedals, a rear-view camera and a 'Quickclear' heated front windscreen. An intelligent all-wheel drive system can determine how much grip, cornering balance and responsiveness is required in wet, dry or icy conditions and on varying terrain. Definitely a useful feature for more adventurous buyers.

It's just that whenever I get into a car for the first time – and I'd never driven a Ford Edge until a couple of weeks ago – I'm looking for the nifty design touch that catches my eye; something a little different – quirky, even – that raises a smile, and makes you think to yourself, "I really like that". I must confess, I didn't really find one in this car. What does help lift the mood, however, is our model's panoramic roof with sunshade. It's part of the ST-Line Lux Pack which adds £1,275 to the base price.

And as far as general levels of comfort are concerned, I've no complaints whatsoever. Impressive amounts of interior space will mean no-one will moan about feeling cramped and it's easy to find the perfect driving position.

Something else that helps make the Edge a pleasure to pilot and which is definitely worth a mention is active noise control. Microphones detect and measure specific sound waves while a control unit can separate the noises you do want to hear, such as conversation and the radio (Absolute 80s every time, please), from those you don't. The system then creates inaudible 'white noise' to cancel out any unwelcome sounds, and provide you with a real sense of tranquillity when you're driving. Clever stuff!

So how much will an Edge set you back? Well, a standard model will mean you'll be parting with almost £40,000 while our car, an ST-Line example with extras such as active steering, a front wide-view camera and adaptive cruise control with pre-collision assist, comes in at nearly £43,000.

You certainly get a lot for your money though – so if you're in the market for a substantial SUV that's not short on safety features and useful tech, this is a car that could definitely have the edge.

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) Highest FORD Kuga 1.5 EcoBoost (182PS), A6-AWD: Urban 30.1 (9.4), Extra Urban 44.8 (6.3), Combined 37.7 (7.5), CO2 emissions 173(g/km). Lowest: FORD EcoSport 1.5 Duratorq TDCi (95PS) , M5: Urban 58.9 (4.8), Extra Urban 65.7 (4.3), Combined 64.2 (4.4), CO_2 emissions 115(g/km). The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results (EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008), are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience. ^If you trade in any Car or Commercial Vehicle that is registered up to and including 31st December 2009 you can receive between £2,000 and £4,950 (Inc. VAT) Scrappage saving off the Recommended On The Road Price of a New Ford Car. Offer available on All-New Fiesta (Excl. Style), B-MAX (Titanium/Titanium X Navigator only), Focus (Excl. ST & RS), C-MAX, Grand C-MAX and Kuga models only. New Ford cars must be contracted between 21st August and 31st December 2017 (the "Contract Date") and registered between 1st September and 31st December 2017. Scrappage vehicle must have been registered to the customer for at least 90 days before the customer's Contract Date. Customer savings of £2,000 to £4,950 (Inc. VAT) available dependent on model line. Offer not available in conjunction with any other customer saving programme. Available to retail customers only (Excl. Privilege and Ambassador). For more information please see ford.co.uk/scrappage. *Finance subject to status. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Freepost Ford Credit. Acorn Group is a credit broker/intermediary that can introduce you to a limited number of lenders to provide funding for your vehicle. They may incentivise us for introducing you to them. Terms and conditions apply, please ask for full details. This supersedes all previously advertised manufacturer's promotions. Information correct at time of publication E&OE.

A bold and appealing effort from Kia with the Cee'd GT

The specification is comprehensive

By John Griffiths

It's not difficult to see the attractions of a performance hatchback: a combination of sports car-like driving dynamics and family car practicality.

Some have become icons in their own right like the Golf GTi, Ford ST, Leon Cupra and Honda's Civic Type-R to name but a few.

That makes it hard for newcomers to edge their nose into the fray but Kia is making a bold and appealing effort with its sporting flagship, the Cee'd GT.

It's perhaps best described as a 'warm' hatch rather than a 'hot' machine but combines more reasonable costs with impressive real-world performance. An excellent chassis makes for excellent handling (and it's fun, too) but that doesn't come at the expense of a harsh ride – it's more civilised than extreme.

The £24,010 car's engine is pretty remarkable too, turning out 201Ps of power and – thanks to turbocharging – a hefty 265Nm of torque. Enough to take you from a standstill to 62mph in just 7.3 seconds.

Official average fuel consumption is 38.2mpg which is reasonable for a car of this power potential. My 'real world' test result in an average 34mpg.

An excellent chassis makes for excellent handling

The turbo increases the standard 1,600cc engine's output by 51per cent and torque by 61 per cent but that isn't the only benefit. This latest version produces maximum torque at lower revs (1,500rpm) than its predecessor for slightly quicker but smoother, more linear acceleration up to the limit. It feels effortless, civilised and particularly quiet – although you can switch on the new noise generator for a more growly, sporting sound if that's how the mood takes you. It's switched on by pressing the 'GT' button on the steering wheel which also changes the speedo from an analogue to a digital display, with torque and turbo gauges as well.

This best of two worlds engine really defines the Cee'd: it cruises for the most part at a near silent 2,000rpm but put your foot down for a quick overtake and it surges forward on a very convincing wave of power and torque. The benchmark 37 to 60mph overtaking sprint takes just 5.4 seconds and the job's done.

The chassis has the same dual personality, too. The sports suspension, while firm-ish, as you'd expect, it is well damped so you don't feel the worst some of our bumpy B-roads can offer. It also helps to keep you accurately on your chosen track on such roads, without discermible body roll and no signs of under or oversteer. Add sharp steering and it's a rewarding experience for the keen driver. This latest Cee'd flagship comes with new 18-inch alloys shod with grippy 225/40 low profile tyres. Bigger disc brakes all round have reduced stopping distances, too.

The interior is a pleasant place to be, with room for five adults:the rear seats are quite generous and there are stylish and comfortable leather and suede Recaro sports seats in front. Trim includes high gloss black and chrome highlights.

As you'd expect of the flagship of the range, the specification is comprehensive, as indeed it is for its sibling – the three-door pro_cee'd GT which is £500 cheaper, as it's essentially the same car but with three instead of five doors.

Equipment upgrades on this latest GT include an MP3 compatible DAB radio as part of a six-speaker audio system, a new seven-inch display screen for the satnav, traffic messaging and reversing camera.

Body styling touches such as new sill mouldings, the bigger wheels, aluminium pedals and red brake calipers also point to the car's potential and character.

In engineering the new GTs, Kia hasn't tried to rival some of the track day favourites but instead produced a pair of cars which offer real-world performance in a fun but civilised manner. It comes at considerably less cost than some of those more focussed rivals, too, along with a full seven years/100,000 mile warranty which is not be to sneezed at.

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The car has 20 inch alloy wheels, HID headlamps and electronic tailgate

A proper bargain, especially top trim

By Ian Donaldson

It takes up as much road as a Range Rover Sport, comes dripping with kit and costs half what the smart set happily pay for their Chelsea tractors.

Less than half, actually, if you go for the least expensive version of SsangYong's new Rexton which hits the road at £27,500 and may make its maker's name known to the millions of motorists who've never heard of it.

For this South Korean export bears a badge more respected among folk who regularly tow two horses about the country and want something rugged, unpretentious – and cheap to do it with. Well, the new Rexton is certainly all three of those attributes, but with a twist.

Take a long look at the new car – especially inside – and this is a SsangYong of a visual charm and substance undreamed of only a couple of years ago. It makes the old Rexton look like a car designed (and built) in the dark.

It's impressive enough to make you wonder how they can ship the cars from the factory and still make a profit.

Perhaps there are hidden shallows that help cut corners ...

We'll come to those later. First, a detailed look at what your £27,500 buys you in the shape of a Rexton EX. It starts with seven seats – including a third row that will take modestly sized adults in modest comfort, and a four-wheel drive system with selectable low ratios that will cope with serious off-roading.

It can pull a 3.5 tonne load, or two chunky horses in their mobile home. It is also a heavy car, starting at 2,095kg, so a big caravan will present no problems either.

Every new Rexton is powered by a 2.2 litre diesel from Mercedes-Benz and is attached to either a six-speed manual transmission or seven-speed auto and its 178bhp produces decent performance (115mph top speed and 0-62mph in a little over 11 seconds) but here the sales pitch gets harder.

For the new Rexton is a thirsty beast and pumps out sufficient CO2 (at least 204g/km) to qualify for a nasty £1,200 tax hit in year one. Ouch. Business users (in a small minority, probably) also face a company car tax rate of 37 per cent. Ouch again.

The bad news continues on fuel consumption; the official average of the newcomer is at least 34mpg but an undemanding test route on free flowing public roads showed an unimpressive 25.7mpg. And no horse box attached, either.

Still, you have to remind yourself how little you paid for what feels a near luxury machine at rest, especially in top £37,500 Ultimate form which swathes you in soft leather and interior mood lighting, sits you on seats both warmed and cooled and electrically adjusted in the front and heated in the rear.

You can load your destination into a large screened sat nav system that wouldn't disgrace a Range Rover and admire the car's 20 inch alloy wheels, HID headlamps and electronic tailgate when you arrive.

This range topper has only two rows of seats, which means a big boot with the second row in position (820 litres) and turns simply vast (1,977 litres) with them folded flat. Entry level EX and midrange ELX (from £32,000) models with seven seats in three rows sacrifice some boot room, but not enough to render holiday packing an exercise in sartorial restraint.

Back to prices; this is a rare breed of car where it really does pay to head up the range for value. It might lack the poise and breeding of more established cars with similar capabilities but it looks a proper bargain –especially if you go for the dearest one.

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Deaths

ARCHER

Winifred Mary

Sadly passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 22, 2017, aged 101 years.

Winifred was much loved and will be dearly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at Bourne Methodist Church, Heath Hayes, at 1.15pm, followed by a Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, at 1pm, followed by a Burial at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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HOOPER

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The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Stafford Crematorium at 10.30am.

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HORTON

Jennifer

nee Pearse

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Our lovely Jennie.

God bless.

The Evans Family.

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MATTHEWS

Margaret

(Cecilia)

nee Middleton

Formerly of Little Saredon, Shareshill.

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, aged 87 years.

Loving Wife to the late Ted. Mother to the late Michael and Mother-in-law to Lynn. Grandma to Ruth and Great -Grandma to Esme and Edith.

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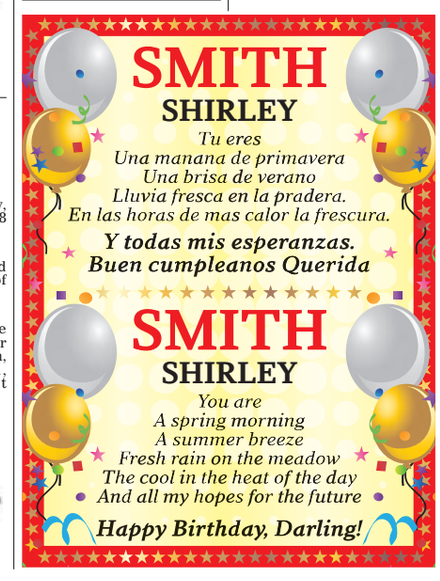

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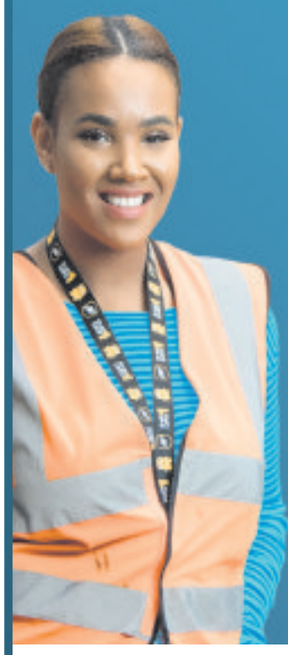

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The Globetrotters recently wrapped up a busy 90th year tour, during which they named Pope Francis the ninth Honorary Harlem Globetrotter in team history, walked the runway at New York Fashion week, launched the Great Assist initiative alongside Robin Roberts – whom the team also named an honorary Harlem Globetrotter – pledging to spread 100 million smiles over the next 10 years, broke seven Guinness World Records® and remixed the team's legendary theme song, "Sweet Georgia Brown," with the help of Grammy Award-winning producer/songwriter Teddy Riley.

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Speedway bosses to hold key talks

WOLVERHAMPTON Speedway have lined up a couple of key winter dates for fans. With the AGM of all promoters fast approaching, the club will be hosting a winter talk-in at the Cleveland Arms on Stow Heath Lane, close to Monmore, on Monday, November 27.

Representatives from the club management will be on hand to discuss developments and the impact decisions will have on Parrys International Wolves team building. The event is expected to start at 8pm.

Meanwhile, the traditional pre-Christmas season ticket day has been arranged for the stadium on Saturday, December 2, between 9.30am-1.30pm with the usual big turnout expected.

In Birmingham Brummies star Liam Carr announced his shock decision to quit speedway at the club's end-of-season presentation on Saturday. The 21-year-old broke the news after picking up three awards as he told fans 'that's me done'.

Matches switched for live TV coverage

TWO Wolves games and three Villa matches have been switched for live broadcast on Sky Sports.

Wolves now head to Sheffield Wednesday on Friday, December 15 (7.45pm) instead of the following day.

Their trip to Bristol City on December 30 is now a 5.30pm kick-off too. As a result of that game being later, the visit of Brentford has been moved back to January 2 (7.45pm, not on TV).

Villa's home game against Sheffield United on December 23 has been put back to 5.30pm. The trip to Brentford on Boxing Day is now a 7.30pm start and the match at Nottingham Forest on January 15 has been changed to a 5.30pm kick-off.

Even the lower divisions are finding their fixture list tweaked for television. Walsall took a break from their League One campaign on Saturday when they took on Newport County away in the FA Cup. The match was shown live on S4C with a 5.15pm kick-off.

Inside the Bilbrook Juniors' changing rooms

The impressive £850,000 development

New facilities enable life to begin at 40 for club

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Maher

"We had to put our case forward. At times it felt like we were moving one step forward and then two back."

Bilbrook Juniors Under-11s East are one of the many teams to wear the club colours

THE building of an £850,000 new facility has a football club believing they can prove life begins at 40.

Bilbrook Juniors fielded their first team back in 1978 and will next year enter the fifth decade stronger than ever thanks the new state-of-the-art pavilion at their Pendeford Lane home which features changing rooms, a clubhouse and bar.

Constructed with the aid of grants from the Premier League, the FA and Wolverhampton City Council, it has club members hailing a new dawn.

"The club has been in existence for nearly 40 years but in many ways this is the starting point," said chairman Dave Maydew.

Reality

"Having a facility like this has been a long-term goal and it has taken the hard work of too many people to mention in order to make it a reality.

"But in many ways the big job starts now. Until now all the money has gone into keeping the club going. Now we are in a position where we can start giving back."

The new facility is the result of a decade-long campaign and replaces the club's previous clubhouse, which had fallen into a state of disrepair.

It was made possible thanks to a £484,529 grant from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, which is delivered by the Football Foundation. Wolverhampton City Council also contributed £350,000 to the project. "We had to put our case forward. It wasn't a simple or easy process and at times it felt like we were moving one step forward and then two back," said Maydew.

"But the end result is more than worth it. I would love to be able to list all the people who have helped us out along the way but quite frankly it would take up two pages of the newspaper.

"We are all volunteers, no-one getting paid a penny.

"We do it because we love it. I joined the club 22 years ago when my son started playing aged five.

"Before then I used to play football myself. Now I feel like I am giving something back.

"It's been a real team effort and means we can now move onto the next phase."

The new facility, at a ground which features two full-sized pitches and four-mini pitches, was opened last month by Wolves legend Steve Bull.

Complete with two referee's changing rooms and a kitchen, along with spectator toilets with disabled access, it is expected to increase participation at a club which already fields 31 teams at all age levels in a variety of regional leagues, including a ladies team.

In total Bilbrook have around 1,500 members including players, coaches and volunteers.

Future plans will see the construction of floodlights which should allow Bilbrook's mens team, who currently play in Division One of the West Midlands League, to further climb the non-league pyramid.

The facility is also set to benefit both the community and other clubs. Otter and Vixen FC and Gornal Colts will also use the site, while Wolves Community Trust are set to deliver training and community outreach programmes.

"It is not just for the club but for the community too, particularly for the children," said Maydew. "There is now a facility which can host functions. The old clubhouse was a drain on us. No-one wanted to go in but we were still paying for the gas and the electric.

"That is money which can now be reinvested into the club and help us build toward the future.

"In many ways this feels like a new beginning."

Sport

Bully for you! Legend opens club pavilion

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Belting Coni Mae strikes gold again

A CANNOCK martial artist floored her rivals to become English and British champion – and made it a double with a followed-up success.

Coni Mae Cartwright, aged nine, was already the English Kata Champion in the under-9s female category when she competed at the British International Karate Open in Edinburgh.

Coni Mae has been training with Ryu Shotokan in Cannock and Stafford for just under three years and in that time has amassed 30 medals and trophies. The British Championship took her gold medal tally to 16. The firm favourite going into the championships, Coni Mae won her first round contest 5-0 – the maximum amount anyone can win by in kata. She followed it with a 4-1 and then whitewashed her opponent in the final.

Coni Mae's attentions sharply turned to the Banzai Cup in Germany the weekend after, Coni Mae's first international competition, and she won this in sensational fashion beating every opponent by the maximum flags without conceding a flag all competition. It meant she was crowned the German Banzai Cup under-9s female kata champion – the only English Kata athlete at the Banzai Cup to achieve gold.

Ryu Shotokan Coach Mike Carr said "Coni Mae is an amazing talent and has a very big future ahead of her. We are very proud of her achievements."

It is hoped Coni Mae could become an Olympian when karate is part of the 2020 Tokyo games.

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Burntwood sieze their opportunities

Burntwood 29 Handsworth 17
Midlands 3 West North

BURNTWOOD made the most of their scoring opportunities to overcome a stern test from Handsworth.

Handsworth took an early lead with a try in the right corner before Josh Canning levelled the scores.

Sean Latham's side edged ahead on 19 minutes when Danny Poole touched down. Ten minutes later the visitors went 10-12 ahead. With the half-time whistle due, Tom O'Brien scored a try converted by Aza Dunet.

When it came to Burntwood's first attack of the second half they pulled further ahead. Receiving possession from a line out, O'Brien broke in midfield, drew the last defender and put co-centre Aza Dunet in for the bonus point try.

Handsworth went over from another tap and go from a penalty on 65 minutes to make it 22-17.

Danny Poole then fended off a defender to storm away to the clubhouse corner for a try. Dunet found the target with a fine conversion. Handsworth worked hard to obtain the bonus points available to them in the last ten minutes but the home defence stood strong.

Burntwood 2nds continued their climb up Staffs Reserve League Division One with a 31-22 win away to Handsworth while the colts came off second best at home to Leek in the Staffs Colts Transitional League.

This Saturday Burntwood travel to face third placed Harborne, the 2nds are TBA and the colts are due to host Stoke.

Scholars win on the road to leap above their hosts

Market Drayton Town 1 Chasetown 3

CHASETOWN overcame Market Drayton Town to leapfrog their Shropshire hosts in the Evo-Stik League Division One South table.

The Scholars were almost ahead in the fifth minute. Leading scorer Muzzy Nduna fired beyond keeper Oleksandr Ilchenko but JJ Melligan cleared off the line. Chasetown reasserted themselves and Ilchenko punched a Danny Cocks effort over the bar. From the corner, Nduna was superbly denied by Ilchenko and then Cocks had his effort cleared off the line by Darious Darkin.

Chasetown's patience eventually paid off and, in the 40th minute, Jordan Flatley superbly broke up play to feed Ryan Wynter whose cross found skipper Jack Langston, who drove the ball home.

Two minutes later Nduna won the ball and fed Will Whieldon, who smashed the ball past Ilchenko from outside the area.

Chasetown extended their lead just before the hour when Nduna headed home at the near post.

Drayton scored a goal with the last kick of the game through Ryan Seal.

FITZPATRICK IS THE LATE HERO

Barwell 1 Hednesford Town 1

HEDNESFORD Town came from behind to earn a point from their trip to Barwell thanks to a Joe Fitzpatrick effort five minutes from time.

The Evo-Stik Premier fixture got off to an even start with both sides giving away a number of free-kicks, none of which were capitalised upon.

Three minutes later, a ball down the right was left with Nigel Julien moving onto it, but Pitmen goalkeeper James Wren reacted quickly. On the half-hour mark Checkaine Steele did well for the Pitmen down the right and his cutback eventually fell to Adriel George, but his shot was saved.

The Pitmen nearly went behind four minutes later when a corner picked out Liam Kay, but his free header went wide of the goal.

In the 72nd minute, Hednesford created a half opening when the ball fell to Joey Butlin, but his effort was blocked.

Cleared

The visitors had a let-off in the 74th minute when a ball down the middle caught the Pitmen out and Matt Stenson rounded Wren, but Ben Bailey was able to block the effort at the near post and out for a corner.

Seven minutes later, though Barwell took the lead when another ball down the middle wasn't dealt with and Stenson took it inside and fired past Wren from 12 yards.

The Pitmen responded well, and after threatening from a corner the equaliser arrived in the 85th minute. A James Lawrie free-kick was cleared as far as Fitzpatrick, who curled a low effort into the bottom corner from 20 yards.

Both sides now fancied a chance of all three points and the home side saw Stenson fire over bar before Butlin was denied at the other end.

Hednesford's good work was almost undone with the last kick of the game but Luke Barlone saw his effort spilled onto the post and claimed by a relieved Wren.

Housebuilder kits out players

The Under-14s Cresswell Colts team with their new kit for the season

A TEAM of junior footballers have been kitted out for the new season in a brand new home strip, thanks to a donation from housebuilder Taylor Wimpey.

It is the a fourth donation to the club in as many years by Taylor Wimpey West Midlands.

The company, currently building at Burntwood Manor, donated £500 to Cresswell Colts under-14s, which will be used to cover the cost of the team's home kits.

It takes the total donated in four years to more than £1,750, which has been used for new equipment and strips. Sponsorship has also been provided for match balls, training balls and corner flags. The side, who play home matches in Cannock, finished second in the Walsall Junior Youth League last year.

Manager Dave Smith has been coaching the team since they played mini-soccer. He said: "I was really pleased when Taylor Wimpey agreed to support the club for the new season. It came as a huge help."

Elaine Cartwright, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey West Midlands, said: "We're thrilled to extend our support for a fourth year running."

Revival not enough to grab a draw

Sheffield Hallam 3 Cannock M1 1

EARLY exchanges saw both sides equally fight out possession but the home side broke the deadlock with a reverse strike.

This was quickly followed by a second thanks to a close range finish.

Cannock picked up their game and pulled a goal back thanks to a diving Kyle Gladwin finish. Half-time saw Cannock trailing 2-1.

In other matches, Cannock M2 lost at Nottingham University, Cannock M3 thumpedLeek 6-2 and Cannock M4 lost by the odd goal in seven against Edgbaston M5 after surrendering a 2-0 lead.

Cannock M5 had to settle for a 2-2 draw against Lichfield, the Man of the Match award going to Harry Michael for continuing to flourish under the weight of added responsibility.

Olton 0 Cannock L1 2

Jodie Beddow and Esme Gibson were on target in this best team performance of the league season which saw Cannock deservedly take their second win on the bounce and move them up the table.

Olton had their fair share of opportunities in the second half and actually put the ball in the back of the net on three occasions, only to see all three disallowed.

Elsewhere, Cannock L2 drew 2–2 at Birmingham University, Cannock L3 were beaten 3-2 by Bloxwich L1, and Cannock L5 drew 1-1 against Lichfield 7, the newly devised team with two new players working fantastically well together.

Hayes continue to struggle at home

Heath Hayes 1 Uttoxeter 1
Midland Football League Div One

HEATH Hayes are still looking to find the home form to match their away form after sharing the spoils with Uttoxeter.

Things looked good when Regan Smith put Hayes in front on 20 minutes by prodding home after a scramble.

They held the lead until a minute before half-time when Max Middle was allowed to run through unchallenged.

The second half was made difficult when Hayes were reduced to 10 men by Brad Rolston's dismissal on 60 minutes.

They still created enough chances to seal the points but failed to take them.

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